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COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

'CON' MEN SWINDLE JOSEPH REPPLE TAVERN KEEPER

The Old "Satchel Game" Was Employed.

VICTIM'S LOSS IS $600

POLICE FAIL TO FIND THE TWO PLAUSIBLE SWINDLERS.

Repple Was Induced to Put His Money in a Box With Stranger's $14,000, but the Latter Since Proved to Be Bundle of Rags.

Scene—Baden.

Time—Monday and Tuesday last.

Dramatis Personae—Joseph Repple, keeper of the Seven-Mile House tavern, at 8890 North Broadway, and man of means.

Mrs. Repple, his wife.

First stranger, who says he wants to buy a saloon.

Second stranger, who has a canvas bag, in which he says is $14,000 left him by his father, and who is afraid of banks.

Dreller, another saloon keeper.

Members of police department.

ACT I.

The Meeting in Repple's Tavern.

First stranger: Ah, good morning, Mr. Repple! I just dropped into your place to drain a stein and say wiegehts, mein herr. I'm French myself, but, mon Dieu! cannot a Frenchman forget Sedan and what the Germans did to Paree? Have one on me, my friend, and let us be brothers.

Repple: Very good, very good. But it's on me. Let the host drink on the house, as it were. Here's hoping Kris Kringle won't pass us by. Drink hearty.

First stranger (drinking heartily): Ah! that's lager to lave in! Would that I might possess such a tavern as you have here at Seven-Mile, mein herr. I weary of wandering, and would settle down, could I but buy a saloon, with fixtures, in Baden, like this.

Repple: The place is to be desired. I have made money already.

First Stranger: Your price, friend?

Repple: The saloon is not for sale.

First Stranger: Alas! I am so disappoint. I weep!

Repple: Dry your tears. I know a tavern, not far from Baden, that is for sale. My friend Dreller's saloon can be bought. He has a bargain for you.

First Stranger: Can you not guide me thither, friend? I would learn his price.

Repple: Gladly. Let us go. This way.

(They go to Dreller's saloon, but Dreller informs them that another man has an option on it, and that while that is pending no other negotiations can be begun. First Stranger expresses disappointment. He and Repple quit Dreller's saloon and walk toward the Seven-Mile House. (The strangers grows mor chummy.)

ACT II.

Place—Street, Returning to Repple's.

First Stranger: Ah! See that poor man with the black canvas bag in his hand. He seems to be wandering in his mind.

Repple: Or wandering in the mud.

First stranger: Ha! you joke; well, that's not a bad un. But see the wayfarer; he walks as one perplexed; he hesitates; he approaches. Mayhap, he would speak to us.

Second Stranger (approaching timidly): Good friends I am lost.

Repple: I hope we find you well, then?

Second Stranger: I am at a loss to know what to do with my money. I have just lost my father. He left me $14,000, the which I have and hold in this bag. I am lost to know what to do with the money to insure its safekeeping.

First Stranger: Why don't you bank it?

Second Stranger: Bah! In banks I do not confide. They go broke, like men. You put in your money, you get a paper saying you deposit so much. The bank snuffs out—puff—like a candle; you got the paper, no more.

Repple (aside to First Stranger): The man is crazy. Let us pass on.

First Stranger: Would you leave the poor man thus, to wander, perchance to fall into the hands of thieves, or bad men who go forth seeking whoso is easy? Are we not our brothers' keepers?

Repple: We ought to be, if we are able. (While talking they walk on, leaving Second Stranger behind.)

First Stranger: Then let us go back and be the good Samaritan. I am a stranger, even like him, but you have a home here and doubtless a bank account. You can take his money and care for it, thus doing the man a good turn. Perhaps he may reward you by buying your tavern at a large price, if ever you shall wish to sell.

(They walk back. Second Stranger wrings his hands and tears his hair in suspense.)

Second Stranger: Wow! this wealth—it will bear me down to the grave, unless I get it placed where moth and rust cannot corrupt nor thieves break in and steal.

Repple: Put it in the bank where I keep my money. Banks are all right, stranger, if you patronize the substantial ones. I have a large sum in bank and am not afraid of losing it. I dare say it is safer there than if I should withdraw it and put it in my safe.

Second Stranger (more calmly): What you say may be true, but I trust no bank. I would trust a friend, though. I believe I would even trust you, though almost a stranger; you look honest; you have a fine, open countenance.

Repple: Thanks for your good opinion.

Second Stranger (jangling the coins in the canvas bag against his breast): Oh, kind friend, take my money and keep it for me, in your safe. Do this for me, I beseech you.

First Stranger (to Second Stranger): Friend, I know you not, but I would advise you to deposit your money thus in Mr. Repple's safe in a business-like way, and I believe Mr. Repple will agree with me. He is a business man. I am well aware that he will not embezzle your trust funds. I trust him so fully that I am going to withdraw my fortune from the Bank of France and put it all in his safe. But he should first show his good faith by withdrawing a part of his own fortune from the bank and depositing it in his safe with your money.

Repple: True, true, and I'll do it. Let us meet tomorrow and go to my bank and we can arrange the matter and relieve the increasing distress of our new-found friend.

Second Stranger: I will do as you say, kind friend.

ACT III.

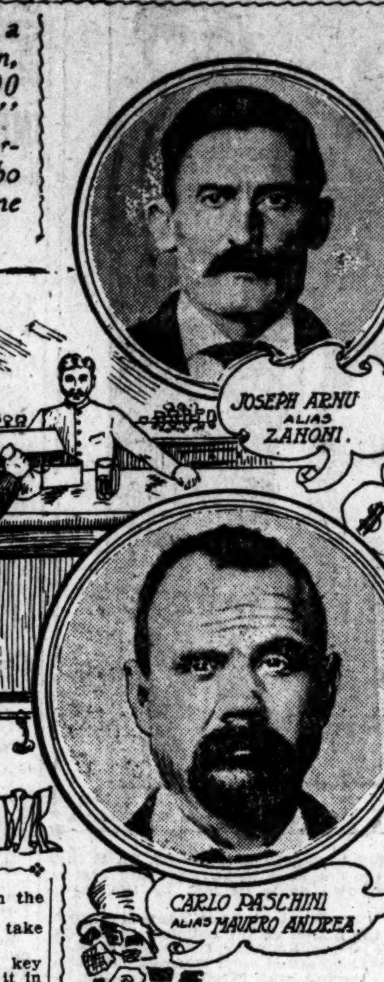
Place—Private Room in a Restaurant.

Repple: See, I have a tin box, with a key and lock which you asked me to get. My $600 that you have seen me draw from the bank I hand out to place in the box, as you suggest.

First Stranger: Ah, yes; in the box with [illegible]

How Joseph Repple, a saloon keeper in Baden, was swindled out of $600 by the old "satchel game" and rogues' gallery portraits of two men who have worked the same game in St. Louis.





this handkerchief I place your $600 in the bag and the bag in the box.

Repple (to Second Stranger): You take the key?

First Stranger: Yes, he takes the key and you take the box home and put it in your safe. I've got to go downtown to meet an old friend in regard to a financial transaction and (aside) I'll look out for your poor friend here.

Repple: Goodby; and you, my poor friend, may you speedily recover reason since I have relieved you of this burdensome load.

Second Stranger: Ah, I feel better already. I feel as one who has lifted a load, who has touched a friend and been healed of his ills. I am well heeled. I think I shall recover.

Second Stranger: Yes, a little better off than I was.

(First Stranger and Second Stranger exit. Repple carries the box home, locks it in his safe and goes upstairs to his wife, to whom he tells the story.)

Mrs. Repple: Mercy! I fear we shall be robbed tonight.

Mrs. Repple nforms Police Sergt. Kennedy, who reports to Lieut. Schwartz, who details Special Officers Caudle and Sullivan. The officers go to Repple's saloon and open the box, finding that it contains only a black bag and a roll of paper wrapped in a handkerchief.

Special Officer: You see the man changed the handkerchiefs, Mr. Repple; he put yours containing the money into his pocket and put this one in the box. We will do what we can to trace the confidence men.

Up to this time the police have not arrested the swindlers. At headquarters Joseph Arnu and Carlo Paschinin, who worked this "satchel game" in St. Louis before, are suspected of this swindle.

GOSPEL TAUGHT IN INSURANCE OFFICE

Agent Holds Daily Meetings in Which Bible Is Used.

ALL EMPLOYES ARE PRESENT

RELIGIOUS PRECEPTS ARE APPLIED TO DAILY WORK.

Quarters of Company in Bank of Commerce Building Only Place Where Such Services Are Known to Be Held.

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?—St. Luke, 15th chapter, 4th verse.

A silver bell tinkled musically through the offices of Edgar A. P. Haynes, general agent for a large life insurance company, on the third floor of the new Bank of Commerce building at 8:30 this morning.

The sub-agents, solicitors and other employes of the office laid down their pens, arose from their desks and silently wended their way to the southernmost apartment on the Broadway side. One of them said to a visitor: "Will you attend our meeting this morning?" and wonderingly he followed.

The room to which they bent their steps had the appearance of a directors' meeting place. A heavy table desk sat to the north in the center. Behind it, suspended against a door opening into another apartment, was a large yellow scroll littered with heavy writing. Around the room, against the three open walls, were ranged leather cushioned easy chairs.

To the left of the desk, in a great easy rocker, sat Mr. Haynes. A young man, evidently a secretary, stood behind the desk holding a small book. The floor was thickly carpeted, and as the men from the outside entered and took seats around the wall, the silence was impressive.

ANSWERED ROLL CALL.

Nine of them were seated and the young man waited a little while, then he took up his book and called the roll. As each name was called the man to whom it applied responded with the word "Here," and it appeared that there was but one absent. The secretary then announced the result to Mr. Haynes, turned to the scroll and detached the used sheet, folded it carefully and placed it on the desk, softly opened the door and disappeared, closing it behind him.

Mr. Haynes arose, stepped to the desk and began to speak. He referred to the topic of his address of yesterday and then launched forth into a discussion of the subject of today. He took for his text a phrase in the fourth verse of the 15th chapter of St. Luke. The verse is:

"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?"

He took this section from the parable of the lost sheep, used by Christ when the Pharisees murmured and criticised him for receiving sinners, and modernized it. He brought it to the level of everyday commercial life and [illegible] to the principle of the successful business man: "Go out and seek until you find."

APPLICATION TO DAILY WORK.

He spoke for probably ten minutes in this vein, using the scroll frequently to impress a point upon his hearers. He commented upon the actions of men when they set out to work upon the streets and the results obtained. He urged faithful, conscientious work, and a clear head, and when the laborer had attained his object he could say:

"Rejoice with me, for I have sought until I found."

There was nothing more. Mr. Haynes concluded with "That is all this morning, gentlemen," and his auditors filed out as they had entered, to resume their duties or to begin upon the occupations of the day.

To them there was nothing unusual about it. It is a regular procedure in this office. Meetings of a religious character are held in this elegant office every day, and some times they are held three times daily, at 8:30, noon and evening, when the labors of the day are done.

This is the only office of the like in the United States in which such a rule or regulation exists, so far as is publicly known, and possibly the only one in any country where Christianity is actively the dominating influence. The religious publishing houses and the offices of church newspapers, have nothing of the sort, and it is said that Mr. Haynes stands alone as the one man who insists upon combining the actual exercise of religious proceedings with those of his business.

CONSTABLE SAW MONEY FIRST

Now Postmaster of Jerseyville, Ill., Seeks to Compel Return of Sum Taken From Him.

William P. Richards, formerly postmaster at Jerseyville, Ill., this morning brought suit in the St. Louis circuit court for the recovery of $450 which was taken from him Oct. 17 in the circuit clerk's office by Constable George W. Stinebaker of Justice Walker's court, being seized to satisfy a judgment in favor of Heger & Seifert, poultry and game dealers at 122 North Main street.

Richards' suit recalls an unusual proceeding. He had gone to the circuit clerk's office to attend to settling costs in a matter of litigation with an insurance company, in company with James C. Jones, attorney for the company, and William H. Ludwig, another attorney. The case had been compromised for $450, which Attorney Jones laid on a table for Richards to pick up. Just as Richards reached for the money Constable Stinebaker poked his arm underneath that of one of the lawyers and seized the cash, announcing that he had a writ authorizing him to do so.

Richards names as defendants in his suit for $450 actual and $500 punitive damages the constable, the two lawyers and Frederick Heger and Edward M. Seifert.

Heger & Seifert's judgment was for $450 for forfeiture of contract to deliver to them 50 barrels of turkeys.

MISS ROOSEVELT DISPLEASED

Declares Her Room Is "Nightmare in Yellow and Blue" and Decorations Will Be Changed.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Miss Alice Roosevelt does not admire the new interior decorations of the White House.

She is particularly displeased with the color scheme in her room.

"A nightmare in yellow and blue" is the way she describes it, and she positively refuses to occupy the room. She says it makes her ill to sleep there.

Miss Roosevelt has gone to New York. In her absence the room will be redecorated with red as the dominant color. She contents herself with parsing criticism on the rest of the house, but she insists that as she is the one who is to occupy her room, it must suit her.

The room having been cleared of its furnishings the work of transforming it is under way.

"SHE WILL BRING LOTS OF MONEY"

This Promise Found in Waif's Garments.

"PLEASE NAME HER INA"

HELPLESS MOTHER'S ONLY REQUEST FOR HER BABE.

Family of C. D. Ashby, on Whose Porch Infant Was Left, Will Adopt Her—Only Pet Dog Shows Jealousy.

The finding of a letter sewed in the garments of the baby girl deserted Tuesday night and left on Mrs. C. D. Ashby's porch at 4562 Easton avenue, may give the baby a name, but it in no degree solves the mystery of her identity.

The message is a helpless mother's pathetic plea for her nameless little one. It shows that the rigorous necessity which made baby a waif did not easily overcome the mother love.

The trouble of Baby's young life was over for the present when her first wail summoned Mrs. Ashby to the rescue. Her mother heart responded to Baby's call. The tiny grandson of Senator William A. Clark, who is to be given $1,000,000 Christmas day because he is the firstborn, will have no better care during his infancy that Baby, whilom waif.

Mrs. Ashby busied herself all day Thursday and Friday making baby clothes. Her husband, an inspector in the street department, has decided to adopt the child, and intends to ask his attorney for legal advice and instruction, to place a barrier in the way of any person who in after years may seek to claim the foundling.

DOG IS JEALOUS OF BABY.

"Beauty," the "Dutch Tiger" dog, who has been the pet of the Ashby household for three years, does not share the family regard for the new acquisition, but "Beauty" may be jealous. Baby preempted her place from the very beginning. She was placed in the dog's bed of straw by her deserter.

Baby arrived at her new home at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. The time is established by a ring of the doorbell, the means used by the person who deserted her to call the Ashbys to the rescue.

The ring probably saved the child's life. In the usual domestic routine neither Mr. nor Mrs. Ashby would have gone out on the porch where the child lay until morning, and the exposure would have ended the young life.

As it happened Mrs. Ashby, after failing to find anyone at her front door, concluded that the visitor who had touched her doorbell had gone around to the rear door. She opened the door leading out on the porch and found the baby lying in her cradle of straw.

BABY'S EYES IRRESISTIBLE.

Mrs. Ashby lifted the infant from the dog kennel and carried her into the house. She unwrapped a multitude of clothes and Baby opened her eyes and cooed. Her blue eyes flashed a mute appeal for motherhood which went straight to Mrs. Ashby's heart.

The police were to be reckoned with. They were notified of the baby's recovery and came for her. Mrs. Ashby carried the child to the Deer street station and cried a great deal before Capt. Johnson allowed her to retain the waif.

Mrs. Ashby believes that the mother of the child is wealthy and refined. The baby's clothes were of costly material and carefully made. Her features indicate that she is of gentle birth. She was not more than a day old when she was deserted.

The letter seems to confirm Mrs. Ashby's opinion as to the infant's parentage. She has about concluded to gratify the sorrowing mother's only request and name Baby "Ina."

"Ina," baby of mystery, which a stork unheraded left in a dog's box on a porch at 4562 Easton avenue, and the note bespeaking kindness for the little stranger.





CRONIN'S ELECTION CONTESTED

Republicans Dispute His and Carroll's Right to Offices of Justice of Peace.

James J. Coffey this afternoon filed in the circuit court election contest proceedings against Justices of the Peace James H. Cronin and Robert J. Carroll of the Fourth judicial district.

F. A. Cline filed contest proceedings against Bernard P. Taafe, justice of the peace in the Ninth district.

The contestants in each case are the defeated Republican candidates. They allege illegal registration and voting.

YOUTHFUL MINER MALTREATED

Lost Leg in Shaft, but Company Would Not Give Any Assistance to Him.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 12.—The coal commissioners again yesterday afternoon were treated to harrowing stories of the hard conditions surrounding child labor in the mines.

Harry Wilson of West Hazleton, a young man with one leg gone, told of his experience, and the arbitrators were much affected.

"I am now 22 years of age. "When I was 9 years old I went to work in West Hazleton breaker. At 16 I got work in the mines and I lost my leg one morning while trying to couple cars.

"The company declined to give me any assistance, and I received no pay for the time I was laid up."

"Did the company buy you an artificial leg?"

"No, sir."

"Did you ask them to do anything for you?"

"My father went down, but got no satisfaction."

"Did you get any assistance at any time from the company?"

"No, sir, they kept a debt from me, a debt my father owed."

"How long ago did you lose your leg?" Judge Gray asked.

"Six years ago."

"When you were 16 years, then you were under age at that time?"

"Yes, sir."

Bishop Spalding: Poor boy.

GATES DONATES $125,000.

Gives It to Port Arthur for Municipal Improvements.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 12.—John W. Gates has donated $125,000 to this city for municipal improvements. The citizens will add $100,000 to the donation. Mr. Gates has large property interests here.

FOLK HANDLED WITNESS KELLY

DELEGATE HURRIED AWAY AFTER HIS RELEASE.

HAD A BUSY 30 MINUTES

Circuit Attorney Seemed Very Well Pleased With Result of Questioning.

Charles F. Kelly reappeared before the grandjury this morning and remained in the room more than a half hour, being questioned by Circuit Attorney Folk.

When Kelly emerged he hurried away, declining to speak to anybody on any subject.

Circuit Attorney Folk, when asked if Kelly's examination resulted in anything of importance being brought out, smiled and said nothing.

Mr. Folk's manner plainly indicated that the result of the examination of Kelly was quite satisfactory, and it is believed that valuable information was obtained.

FACE REVEALED BY LIGHTNING

Murder Case Against John Elrod Proves Puzzling to a Jury.

John Elrod of East St. Louis was tried in the Circuit Court at Belleville Thursday on the charge of killing Patrick Crotty, whose body was found May 25 on the bank of Dead Creek, in the southern part of East St. Louis.

The only evidence against Elrod was that of James Winslow and his wife, Lora Winslow. On the night that Crotty was killed, beaten to death, Winslow and his wife were on their way home from a church social. They met a man near where the body of Crotty was found the next morning.

Just as he was passing there was a flash of lightning, which enabled Winslow to get a good look at the face of the man. He testified that the man was Elrod, and that he carried a club in his hand. Mrs. Winslow testified to meeting a man, but she could not identify Elrod as the man.

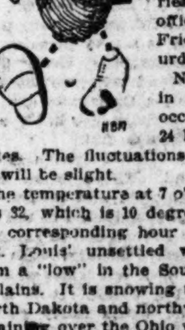
The evidence against Elrod was not considered strong, and it was the expectation that the jury would return in a few minutes with a verdict of not guilty, but although the case was given to them Thursday evening they had not been able to reach a verdict at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

BRIGHTER DAYS FAR AWAY

No Relief From Dismal Weather Conditions Has Yet Come Into View.

Dr. Hyatt says he sees no immediate relief from the seige of rain, sleet and dismal weather that has enveloped St. Louis the past three days.

"The weather is cloudy, rainy and unsettled all over the country just now," he said this morning, "and there is no clear, bright weather in immediate prospect."



"Threatening, with rain or snow flurries," is the doctor's official forecast for Friday night and Saturday.

No marked changes in temperature will occur during the next 24 hours, the doctor states. The fluctuations of the thermometer will be slight.

The temperature at 7 o'clock this morning was 32, which is 10 degrees higher than at the corresponding hour yesterday.

St. Louis' unsettled weather is coming from a "low" in the Southwest, the doctor explains. It is snowing today in Nebraska, North Dakota and northwestern Kansas. It is raining over the Ohio valley. There were heavy rains at New Orleans and Mobile during the past 24 hours.

SEES AGAIN AFTER 10 YEARS

Operation Restores Girl's Sight Supposed to Have Been Destroyed by Poison Ivy.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—After suffering from total blindness for ten years the sight of Miss Fannie Knowles' left eye has been restored by an operation.

Miss Knowles is 22 years old and had been blind since she was a school girl. Her sight returned immediately after the operation for cataract, and she was so filled with joy that she wept.

Several times since she has had spells of weeping.

Miss Knowles came by her affliction peculiarly. She went with a party of six girl companions to the woods to gather autumn leaves.

All came into contact with poison ivy. The poison got into Miss Knowles' eyes and total blindness resulted.

The girl and her parents had given up all hope of her recovery, and she had taken a course of instruction in a school for the blind.

CENTURY BLDG. WAS SOLD TODAY

H. A. Gardner, Representing Reorganization Committee, the Purchaser.

$17,500 PAID AT AUCTION

GARDNER, A CREDITOR, WAS ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS.

Company Was Reorganized This Afternoon and New Articles of Incorporation Filed With the Recorder of Deeds.

Deputy Sheriff Kilcullen, at an execution sale at noon today at the courthouse, sold for the nominal price of $17,500 the Century building to H. A. Gardner of Chicago, representing a reorganization committee of the Century Building Co., and who was one of the contractors in the construction of the building.

The building was sold to satisfy a judgment of $17,061 and $332.70 costs, secured against the Century Building Co. by Gardner last month.

The judgment was based on notes which he had obtained as security for the money due him.

Gardner was the only bidder at the sale.

The Century company was organized this afternoon. Articles of incorporation were filed in the recorder's office by the Century Realty Co. The capital stock is named as $400,000 and the 4000 shares are distributed as follows:

James P. Dawson, Rudolph F. Kilgen, George T. Clark and Gustave L. Stern, 5 shares each, and Henry A. Gardner, 3980 shares.

The Century building was erected in 1895, and is said to be worth $1,500,000. It extends from Olive to Locust on Ninth street, and includes the Century Theater.

It is said to yield annual rentals of $125,000. But the company pays $35,000 rental a year to the Liggett estate for the use of the ground.

It also has to pay annually $48,000 interest on its $800,000 outstanding bonds and its taxes are in the neighborhood of $20,000 per year.

Secretary Kilgen of the company said Thursday that the building had always been a white elephant and that it does not pay ground rent and taxes above all other expenses.

GETS $1000 FOR A DOG BITE.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Charles M. Walker was awarded $1000 damages by a jury in the Supreme Court, at White Plains yesterday, for a dog bite. The suit was against William Caswell, a wealthy resident of Port Chester, who owns a fine kennel.

Walker was at Caswell's place last year when a St. Bernard dog belonging to Caswell attacked and bit him.

In his charge to the jury, Justice Gaynor said that every man was entitled to own a dog, and each dog was entitled to one bite, but if the jury believed the dog in question was vicious and had not been kept under proper restraint, the plaintiff was entitled to a verdict.

THEFT AT FUNERAL CAUSED ARREST

AGED MAN ACCUSED OF PICKING WOMAN'S POCKET.

Pocket picking at funerals is the alleged specialty of Thomas McDonald, 62 years of age, who is in a cell at the Fifth District Station.

Frequent complaints from persons who had been robbed while attending the obsequies of friends induced the police to detail Special Officers Cullen and Cunningham to attend funerals and watch for "dips."

The most recent of these complaints was one made by Mrs. Estine Schomberg, 1211 North Eleventh street, who had her pocketbook taken while she was standing near the coffin of Mrs. Probst last Wednesday.

Among the mourners at the funeral of Mrs. Justie Meyer, held at the Meyer residence, 1947 Sullivan avenue, yesterday afternoon, was Mrs. Lizzie Heitert, who missed her pocketbook and gave an alarm.

The policemen hurried to her and soon learned that McDonald was a stranger to all present. Mrs. Heitert's pocketbook, containing only a few cents, was found on the floor close to McDonald.

At the police station Mrs. Schomberg identified McDonald as a man who had stood at her side as she was bending over the coffin at Mrs. Probst's funeral, and other persons told the police that McDonald had run away as soon as the report that Mrs. Schomberg had been robbed was circulated.

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HOTELS.

There is no argument necessary. This matter is simply submitted in the way of information.

THE NEW ST. JAMES HOTEL

Has been substantially refitted and every modern and appropriate convenience has been added to make it a first-class, moderate-priced hotel. We offer the traveler every possible comfort. The rates are: American, $2.00 a day and up; European, $1.00 a day and up. We serve a 50c noonday dinner which you ought to try. Tickets at office. Broadway and Walnut is our location in St. Louis. Take Market st. cars to and from Union Station. P. SHORT, Proprietor and Manager.

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Harvey J. Readey	10
Eddie Lynch	10
Madeline Arado	10
Leon Dunn	05
Anna L. Bates	10
Arthur and Earl Hanbrick	10
Amie Banahan	10
Louis J. Casey	02
James L. Blair	5 00
Mark E. Lennon	2 00
E. C. Lackland, Jr	1 00
R. C. Kann	1 00
T. C. Sharp	1 00
M. Westover	1 00
E. H. Augert	1 00
Stanley Stoner	1 00
N. S. Bown	1 00
Total	$611 39

NOTE—All contributions of food supplies for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund should be directed to Everett P. Teasdale, chairman, 825 North Fourth street.

Notify James A. Reardon, foot of Bremen avenue, or Mrs. Adolf Drey, 4548 Westminster place, of all contributions of toys, clothing, books and other articles intended for gifts, and they will be called for.

Contributions of articles suitable for decorating the Christmas tree, such as toys and ornaments, or any shopworn articles, will be gratefully received. Notify Grant Richardson, secretary executive committee Post-Dispatch, or Edward Devoy, 315 North Seventh street.

Christmas is the children's day of days. All its associations are intimately connected with the children's patron saint, dear old Santa Claus.

Are you aware that there are in St. Louis thousands of children who would not see him if it were not for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival? These are the little children of the poor, the little children who often go hungry and are often cold.

It is the purpose of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival to provide all these with a Christmas dinner, a toy and other Christmas cheer. The dinner will take place in the Coliseum. Each child will be given a free ride on the street cars from his home to the Coliseum and back after the dinner.

In the Coliseums, besides the dinner of turkey, pie, cake, coffee and oranges, there will be music by a band, a gorgeous Christmas tree and entertainment of various sorts.

Mr. Frank Wyman has seen Santa Claus, and the good old Saint has promised to be there, attended by a crowd of weary barlequins, who will amuse the children with their antics.

There will be gifts for all the little children who otherwise would have none.

It will be a great and glorious day for the little children of the poor.

Now a word in the ear of all good people who have had a prosperous year:

To give this dinner to the poor children will take a lot of money. It must be provided. There can be no excuse for not being a subscriber. Of course, you have other obligations. We all have. But the obligation to the poor, and particularly to the children of the poor is a very pressing one, and cannot be disregarded. Every dollar you give to this fund will provide more than one child with a Christmas dinner it probably would otherwise not have, a toy and a lot of Christmas fun.

Contribute to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund. There is no cause worthier of your thought and money.

F. De Donato has contributed to the fund the finest imported French doll in his stock. This doll is a perfect beauty, with pink cheeks, eyes that open and close and real hair. It can all but speak. It is a doll that any little girl would fairly go wild over.

Mr. Everett P. Teasdale, chairman of the supplies committee, will need a lot of cakes for the children on Christmas day. If ladies would bake cakes and send them to the Coliseum or to him at 825 North Fourth street, the day before Christmas, it would be much appreciated.

The fund is growing, but much more money is needed. When you get a Post-Dispatch Christmas festival subscription blank put down your name for a generous sum, and set the list to circulating among your friends. Then inclose it with the money to the Post-Dispatch. Its receipt will be promptly acknowledged in the columns of the Post-Dispatch, and you will have the happy consciousness of having been the host to many little children who otherwise would have no Christmas dinner or Christmas cheer.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 8 years old. I want an engine, velocipede, a storybook and some oranges, nuts and candy. I will hang my stocking up. My name is Ralph Windle and I live at 1602 North Nineteenth street. RALPH WINDLE.

P. S.—I send 10 cents for the poor children.

Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas will soon be here, I thought I would write a little letter to you, telling you what I would like to have.

Gun, bicycle, train with tracks, rubber boots and rain coat, Mocha gloves, horn, Christmas tree, Noah's ark, target, three games, one storybook, box of writing paper. Inclosed find 10 cents for the poor children. Thanking you for past gifts, I am, your little friend,
LEONARD KENEFICK.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old and live at Crystal City, Mo., and hope you will be so kind as to bring me an engine and cars, a real automobile, and do not forget my grandma in St. Louis, and find inclosed 25 cents for your Christmas Fund. Your little friend.
Crystal City, Mo. FRANCIS WOLFF.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a big doll and doll buggy and a rocking chair, some games, a cupboard for my dishes, and don't forget a Christmas tree. Your little friend, RUTH HUSSMAN, 4398A Gibson avenue.

P. S.—Please find 25 cents for the poor children's Christmas Fund.

Dear Editor: Sister and I are anxious to help Santa Claus make the poor children of our city happy on Christmas day. We each send 25 cents for the fund.
HARRY AND LORENA NELGNER. 3918 Missouri avenue.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 7 years old and I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a chu-chu train and some tin soldiers, a whistle and a rattle, and some popcorn and candy and nuts, and that is all I want, so I will close. Good-by, Santa.
WALTHER ROEMMELE, 6607 Michigan avenue.

My Dear Santa Claus: My papa is writing this letter for me, and I want for Christmas a wheelbarrow, whistle, engine, stable full of horses and a bicycle. You will find my stocking near the door, and be sure and fill it with nuts, oranges and candy. I will be sure and go to bed early and close my eyes tight. Your good boy,
LOUIS J. CASEY, 4241 Evans avenue.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 9 years old, and I would like a magic lantern, pair of skates, velocipede, pair of gloves, prayer book and rosary, nuts, candy and oranges. My brother wants the same, but don't forget my mamma and papa, baby and grandma and grandpa. Inclosed find 10 cents for the poor.
ARTHUR AND EARL HANBRICH, 1440 North Fourteenth street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a sleeping doll and a buggy and a set of dishes, and my brother Michael wants a pair of shoes and wagon. Inclosed find 10 cents for the Christmas fund. Don't forget candies and oranges, bananas and nuts.
ANNIE BANAHAN, 414 North Fourteenth street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 4 years old and as good as I can be. Won't you please bring me a doll, a go-cart, a bed, a set of dishes and a nice set of blocks. I have a little brother. Please don't forget him. Bring us lots of nuts and candy. I am sending 10 cents for the little poor children. Good-by, Santa Claus.
ANNA L. BATES, 3603AB Olive street.

My Dear Santa Claus: I am a very good little fat boy. I would like a drum, a rattle, a wagon, a rocking horse and a big girl doll. I want a forsure watch and a horn. I go to bed early every night. I inclose my last 5 cents for the poor. Your good little fat boy, LEON DUNN, 4251 Page boulevard.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a letter, so you would know where I moved. Don't you know, Santa, I used to live at 1388 Granville place, but I moved to 5670 Vernon avenue. Don't you forget. Dear Santa, I want a new coat for my big doll and an angel child like that one in the Post-Dispatch. I want a doll buggy and a doll bed and a doll in each. Ah, Santa, don't forget the Christmas tree and lots of nuts and candy. My stocking will be hung by the grate. Don't forget my brother Lewis, for I think he has been a good boy. Inclosed you will find 10 cents for the poor children. MADELINE ARADO.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 6 years old. I go to school every day. I want a bicycle, wagon and some candies and oranges and nuts. My little brother Bobby wants a pair of shoes and stockings and a wagon, some candy and oranges and nuts. Enclosed find 10 cents for the Christmas Fund. EDDIE LYNCH, 1114 North Fourteenth street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 9 years old and go to the Rock Church School. I want a dog and an express wagon, some candy and some nuts. Please bring my little sister Ella a doll made of rubber with a whistle in it, and a baby buggy. HARVEY J. READEY, 3829 Page Boulevard.

P. S.—Enclosed please find 10 cents for Christmas Fund.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big doll, a go-cart and a set of dishes. Don't forget my little sister, and bring her a nice doll. She is just 1 year old and I am 7 years old. I send 10 cents for the poor children. Your little friend,
DAISY LANNON, 6919 Minnesota avenue.

Dear Santa: I want a new dress for my doll and a big piano and some nice story books, and a nice fur, nuts and oranges and some candy. I am 8 years old. I go to the Penrose school. And don't forget my baby sister. Inclosed find 10 cents for the poor children. As my little sister and brother are not old enough to write, I will write for them. My sister Edna wants a new doll and a new dress and stove and hair ribbon. My brother would like a wagon and a football and a sword, a Christmas tree, nuts and oranges and some candy. ADELE HEIL, 1801A Elliot avenue.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, 10 years old, and all I want is a ring and new dress, and I hope I will get them, as I am a good girl, and I want some candy and nuts, too. Find 10 cents that I have saved in my bank for the Christmas fund. Your friend, GRACE ASHMEAD.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 7 years old. I will tell you what I want for Christmas. A football, boxing gloves and a punching bag, tool box and a drum. My brother Emmett wants a rocking horse, a drum, storybooks, and don't forget my brother Stephen. He wants A B C blocks and a gas ball and drum. My sister Helen is 8 months old. Don't forget a turkey for dinner and candy and nuts and lots of fruit. LAURENCE CREAMER.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, 6 years ol. I want a doll, a chair, a high chair and a tricycle and some nuts, candy and oranges.
BLANCHE WINDLE, 1602 North Nineteenth street.

P. S.—Please find inclosed 10 cents for the poor children.

Employes B. & O. S.-W. Offices.

F. D. Gildersleeve	$ 25	M. J. Fitzgerald	25
H. C. Stevenson	25	Cash	25
L. L. Horning	25	F. L. Tettemer	25
T. G. Paul	25	L. E. Cornelius	25
J. W. Lindsay	25		
J. M. S. White	25	Total	$2 75
L. B. Williams	25		

Employes Blankmeister & Co.

F. H. Blenkenmeister	$ 50	John Hemmen	25
A. A. Blankenmeister	25	E. G. Blenkenmeister	10
T. Weinling	25	Kittie O'Riordan	50
C. M. Sceurman	15	Stella Fox	10
Geo. Kurtzeborn	10	Total	$2 20

Employes E. F. Kerwin Ornamental Glass Co.

E. P. Kerwin	$ 2 00	Dan Corbett	$ 25
Belle Morrison	1 ..	W. Marsinthal	25
A. C. Schroth	25	D. Howink	25
F. W. Moehlmann	25	John Leppold	25
W. J. Kennedy	25	Luke Holley	50
Jno. Wright	25	Geo. Young	25
L. K. Chamlin	25	Otto Wallenbrock	25
G. W. Hennerich	25	J. J. O'Connor	25
Wm. Callahan	25	Ben Bonasa	25
Wm. Young	25	F. Slettenberg	50
Jno. Smith	25	Geo. Nollman	25
Geo. Simpson	25	Alice Barry	25
Wm. Walsh	25	E. C. Kaltwasser	50
Hy. Schaper	25	Ab. Heinrich	50
Tom Carey	25	Otis Rugh	25
M. McNamara	25	C. Coffindaffer	25
M. Kerwin	50	Robt. Flood	25
P. McNamara	25	R. Koerkel	25
Geo. Valbreath	25	Wm. Judge	25
Wm. Fierke	25	G. Hatterman	25
Julius Peterson	25	Hy. Wendel	25
Wm. Farrell	50	Ed Reeves	25
F. Hurley	25	Ed Farley	50
Mathew Tierney	25	Geo. Allen	50
M. Ladermann	25	J. Eagan	25
Tom Hayes	25	C. Crowley	25
Jos. Hynes	25	S. Falzone	10
Wm. Fagan	25	Chas. Lebrell	25
Geo. Libre	25	Lewis Sims	10
Cash	1 00	L. Chamberlin	25
N. Glenner	25	H. L. Hussman	25
O. Peterson	25	R. M. Bryant	10
Jos. Otto	25	Cash	25
P. Thomas	25	Total	$21 55

Zero Weather Coming.

Prepare yourself—$1.45 buys boys' $3 Reefers, $2.95 buys boys' $4 overcoats. Globe, Seventh and Franklin.

Fair Restaurants Planned.

Plans and specifications of the new restaurant pavilions that are to be completed on the east and west spurs at Art Hill have been given out. It is expected the buildings will be completed by Sept. 1. They will be connected by colonnades with the Festival Hall. Bids for the work must be in by Dec. 10 at 4 in the afternoon.

The service in the restaurants is to be the very best that can be obtained. An immense service shaft 24 feet in diameter will be run from the basement to the dining room. Four tiers will be available to diners, and it is expected the splendid appointments of the restaurant will attract crowds.

The "Storm Petrels" of Commission Row.



Photographed by the Post-Dispatch.

These Children Hopefully Watch for Fallen Morsels in the Great Thoroughfares Where Food Is Wholesale.

On Third street, from Washington avenue to Franklin avenue, there are stores and stores crammed full of things good to eat. The pavements are lined with poultry crates and vegetable boxes, and the streets are jammed with wagons, bearing food to those who are able to buy.

Tidbits fall from the wagons, so opulent is their burden—a cabbage leaf, a potato, maybe a ripe banana or an apple. All this is treasure trove to the people who cannot purchase food, but must wait at the table of plenty, hopefully watching for the fallen crumbs.

Old women hobble along painfully and snatch whatever falls from the wagons. And the children of the poor are the "storm petrels" of Commission Row. Like the gull, they dash here and there in the tide of commerce, seizing their food from a vortex of vehicles.

A split basket is their pouch. In it they stow the debris of meat, fruit and vegetables thrown aside or lost by the fortunates.

The occasional shopper cannot comprehend the action of the children seen dodging in and out among the wagons which crowd Third street each morning. The children, illy clad, wan faced, and bearing the marks of privation, run out on the street and contest for every particle of food which may drop from the wagons or be thrown aside by the shopkeepers.

The commission men know why the children are there. They realize that hunger is the spur and want the incentive. The children come from homes where money is a stranger, meat a rarity and a full meal a thing to be remembered. "Plenty" is not printed in their lexicon; "scraps" is not a detestable word. It only means something that prosperous people do not want. They come to gather what others have risked, and they risk life and limb in the endeavor.

They gather partly decayed vegetables, hoping that the small sound portion may go into the soup pot, and they search out every squirrel or rabbit hide, wishful of meat. If the "skinning man" of one of the commission houses has overlooked a hare's head the tots are delighted, and a rabbit's head is a prize. It means a flavor to the soup, a bone to pick.

As the winter grows the search becomes more vigorous, until not a scrap is unfound. It is simply one of the ironies of prosperity.

For such of these the great Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival is intended. Without it these poor children would know nothing of Christmas cheer. But on that joyous day, thanks to the contributions of the generous people of St. Louis, they will get more than their usual glimpse of turkey—they will have all they can eat, and oranges and candy and other "goodies" besides. Instead of being the stormy petrels of "commission row" they will be the welcome guests of the subscribers of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR 8 STREETS

Board of Public Improvements Sends Drafts of Ordinance to Assembly.

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The Board of Public Improvements this morning sent to the Municipal Assembly drafts of ordinances for the following street improvements:

Cass avenue, between Jefferson and Grand avenues, estimated cost $24,709.

Benton avenue, between Jefferson and Garrison avenues, $20,927.

Highland avenue, between Pendleton and Hodiamont avenues, $9050.

Vandeventer avenue, between Ashland avenue and Natural Bridge road, $7640.

Monroe street, between First street and Broadway, $9061.

Sullivan avenue, between Grand and Prairie avenues, $14,528.

Maple avenue, between Hamilton and Hodiamont avenues, $22,785.

Peck street, between Barley street and Kossuth avenue, $5427.

LEHMANN MAY NOT BE TRIED

Five Other Combine Men Will Seek Changes of Venue.

Defendants Denny, Sheridan, Hartmann, Gutke, Bersch and Lehmann, whose cases on joint charges of bribery in connection with the Surburban bill are docketed for next Monday, have given notice that they will apply for a change ov venue. They have elected to be tried jointly.

There is a question whether Julius Lehmann, already under sentence on conviction of perjury, will go to trial with his former colleagues in the House of Delegates.

Edmund Bersch, though convicted, has not been sentenced, and in his case the question is not raised.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. This signature on every box. 25c E. W. Grove

CAN GET IN, BUT NOT OUT.

The east entrances to the postoffice at Eighth and Olive streets are now equipped with new revolving storm doors. There are two of them and they are causing trouble to visitors.

Each door has four apartments, and when a crowd is surging in they constantly revolve. The man on the inside who wishes to get out must watch for an opportunity to seize a vacant place and move around with it. There are frequent collisions caused by persons trying to go out running into persons trying to get in.

DOG ANSWERED HAMLET'S QUERY

Steamboat Collie Decided Not to Be.

GRIEF CAUSED HER SUICIDE

Curious circumstances which surround the death of a dog have led to much discussion among a party of steamboatmen, some of whom believe the dog felt grief quite as keenly as a human being might, and that she sought relief from her woe by deliberately choosing death by drowning.

The steamer Spread Eagle was a few miles below Alton a few weeks ago when one of two collies belonging to Mate Elliot Haley fell overboard and was drowned. The accident was seen by the other collie, and she ran about the boat barking and tugging frantically at the clothes of Haley, as if trying to induce him to rescue her companion. She was tied for fear she might jump overboard.

Since then she has shown her grief in many ways. For some days she would not eat, and instead of being the sprightly playful pet she had been, she spent most of her time in the engine room, paying little attention to anyone or anything.

Yesterday, when the Spread Eagle was near where the dog had fallen overboard, the remaining dog began howling, and ran from one end of the boat to the other.

Mate Haley shut her in a cabin on the hurricane deck, but he says he had hardly returned to the main deck when he heard the crashing of glass above and saw his pet leap into the river.

"Dollie," as she was called, was valued highly by her owner, to whom she had been presented by a friend, and it was decided to make an attempt to rescue her.

Preparations were being made to lower a boat, when Dollie suddenly sank out of sight, and was seen no more. Not far from the place was an island, which she might have reached without great effort. Mate Haley ascertained this morning that "Dolly" did not swim ashore.

It is his belief that the dog wanted to die, and that she chose to end her life at the same place where her companion had died.

"We saw Dollie swim a few strokes," said Mate Haley this morning, "but she soon sank out of sight. Of course, the water is cold, but Dollie was almost a year old, and naturally a strong swimmer. There is no doubt in my mind that if she had been anxious to live she would have turned down stream, as a few strokes would have kept her abreast of the current. It is my opinion she committed suicide, and all on the Spread Eagle think so."

Bath Robes for children from 1 year to 14 years shown tomorrow.

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney

Beautiful display in Infants' Goods tomorrow.

A Saturday Exposition of Nice Things for Boys, Girls and the Baby

Three Reductions in Boys' Suits

$8.50, $10 and $12 Suits reduced to **$4.75, $5.00 and $6.50**

Sizes are broken—they are the odd suits left over from several lines of our high-grade suits—3-piece, vest and double-breasted styles—for boys 8 to 16 years.

Reduced from $6.50 to **$5.**

All sizes in these, 8 to 16 years, Double Breasted Suits with extra pair of Trousers, all wool navy cheviots and serges and mixed cheviots.

Reduced from $5 to **$3.75.**

Full line of sizes, 3 to 10 years—Sailor Suits—all-wool blue serge, with plain and trimmed collar and shield—very handsome little garments.

Third Floor, Olive Street Store.

A Great Saturday Display

Women's Underfurnishings and Gifts for the Baby, on exhibition second floor all day Saturday, each article marked in plain figures.

We invite you to attend this attractive display

For Women

Silk Petticoats, Pajamas, embroidered satin bands for holding together pieces of underwear.

Hose Supporters, plain or embroidered. Novelties in White Petticoats.

Corset Covers, Chemises, Gowns, Drawers.

Bridal Sets for Trousseaux, exquisite pieces in French hand-made lingerie.

Holiday Aprons—Maids', Nurses' and Tea Aprons—many novelties hand-embroidered and lace-trimmed.

For the Baby

Rubber Bathtubs, Hampers and Table Baskets, Porcelain Water Carriers and Milk Warmers.

Silk Crochet Covered Water Bottles, Rattles, Toilet Sets of willow and wood, with porcelain bowl, pitcher, powder box, etc.

Nursery Toilet Racks, Doll Pin Cushions, Thermometers for infant's bathtub, Satin Ribbon Armlets. Hand-made Bibs, Fur Carriage and Go-Cart Afghans.

These and many other pretty things on display Saturday, the price of each marked in plain figures.

Girls' Coats and Frocks

A Saturday display of uncommon interest.

Handsome Dress Coats, and Plainer Ones for School Wear

Garments for Girls of 4 to 14 years.

Warmly interlined coats for little girls—Russian coats with the newest big sleeves—Triple cape coats—Rich velvets and corduroys, lace and fur trimmed coats—all are the latest midwinter models.

Prices from **$4.75** to **$15.**

Misses' Monte Carlo, English Box and Norfolk Coats

For Girls 14 to 18 years.

Great variety of models in Broadcloths, Oxfords, English checks and other mixtures, handsomely tailored, with collars or bands, many entire novelties—black and colors—

$14 to **$32.50.**

Rain Coats

For Children 6 to 14 years.

Cravenette in light and dark Oxford cloth, cloth belt, velvet collar, $8.

Children's Bath Robes

6 to 14 year sizes.

Eiderdown and flannelette, beautifully made, would delight the fancy of any child, $2 to $7.50—sizes 1 to 3 years—in Infants' department.

Display of Regulation Suits

Plaited and Gored Skirts.

Cheviot and English checks, embroidered emblems on sleeve, collar and shield, for girls 4 to 18—

Prices **$12.50** to **$22.50.**

The Stylish New Russian Suit

Fine twilled tailor serge with white or red stitched broadcloth border, collar, cuffs and wide belt with buckle—little beauties—$8 and $9.50.

Misses' Velvet, Corduroy and Cheviot Suits

Several handsome new models will be shown tomorrow—these will fit petite women, $20 to $45.

Aprons—*Great display in Children's Aprons tomorrow—also maids', nurses' and tea aprons.*

A. A. AAL CLOAK COMPANY
515 Locust St.

Saturday. All Day.

A LOT OF OUR

Finest Flannel Waists

VALUE $4.00,

All Day Saturday Only, **$1.50**

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG—Entered into rest at 11:30 p. m., on Wednesday, Dec. 10, Robert Armstrong, beloved husband of Alice Armstrong (nee Joyce) and father of William J., Thomas J., John P., Maurice R., Annie, Hattie, Margaret Armstrong and Mrs. Ella Corcoran and brother of Mrs. Ellen Mahoney.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 3130 Brantner place, on Saturday, at 8:30 a. m., to St. Alphonsus' Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

BROADERS—On Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902, at 1:30 a. m., Richard Broaders, beloved husband of Margaret Broaders and father of Patrick, Josie, Richard, Kiern, David and Thomas Broaders, aged 48 years.

The funeral will take place Saturday, 13th instant, at 8:30 a. m., from family residence, 2522 Howard street, to St. Leo's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

DUFFEY—On Dec. 11, at 5 p. m., Mrs. Mary A. Duffey, relict of the late Patrick Duffey and mother of John and James Duffey.

The funeral will take place from Clement & Hickey's undertaking rooms, 1325 Market street, on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1:30 p. m., to St. John's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

Deceased was a member of St. Ann's Sodality.

Commissioner Patridge Resigns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Commissioner of Police John M. Patridge has resigned, to take effect Jan. 1.

DEATHS.

GOETZ—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1902, at 10:40 p. m., J. George Goetz, in his 55th year.

Funeral will take place on Friday, Dec. 12, at 2 p. m., from residence, 702 Market street.

HEAD—On the 12th inst., at 9 a. m., at the family residence, 14 North Compton avenue, Kate Head, beloved wife of Martin E. Head and mother of Rose M. Head and sister of Mrs. Arthur J. Judge, Sr.

Due notice of funeral.

LUTZ—Entered into rest on Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902, at 10:30 a. m., Mabel M. B. Lutz, dearly beloved daughter of George J. and Louise Lutz and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brungard, aged 8 years 7 months and 3 days.

Funeral from residence of her grandfather, 904 Rutger street, Sunday, at 2 p. m., to St. Vincent's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Waterloo (Ill.) papers please copy.

STUTZ—On Thursday, Dec. 11, at 12:30 a. m., after a short illness, Franz Stutz, Jr., beloved son of Franz Stutz, Sr., and our dear brother, at the age of 23 years.

Funeral from family residence, 906 Barton street, Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1:30 p. m.

Lecture in Spanish.

Father Heredia, a Jesuit priest from Mexico, will deliver a lecture in the Spanish language tonight in the College Church at Grand avenue and Lindell boulevard.

DEMAND IS HEAVY FOR TIME LOANS

New Phase of the New York Financial Stringency.

CALL MONEY IS PLENTIFUL

BUT BROKERS WANT TO RENEW LONG OBLIGATIONS.

Bankers Believe That the High Rates for All Loans Will Continue Until the First of the Year.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The money market, which has been grumbling along with more or less violent eruptions at intervals for the last three months, has taken a dangerous aspect. But, while heretofore the cause for anxiety had been mainly in the high rates for call money, the trouble now lies more in the tremendous demand for time loans.

According to a banker, who is considered authority on money matters, almost all the brokers in Wall street are carrying large loans in time money and are asking for more, while call money is comparatively easy.

The particular stringency is due to the fact that large loans for 30 and 60 days are almost due and that brokers are making efforts to have these loans renewed. As a result, time money loans are almost unobtainable.

Time money for 30 to 60 days is 7 and 8 per cent bid, while loans for six and seven months re 6 per cent bid. These are however, merely nominal quotations.

The banks decline to put out loans except to customers, and even to these the rate is 8, and even 9 per cent.

This demand for time loans has had its effect on commercial houses, who find it difficult to place their paper in this city at less than 6 or 7 per cent discount, although the market for such paper in other cities is normal.

The demand for time money, according to financial authorities, constitutes the principal difference between the money situation last December and that of today.

On Friday, Dec. 13, last year, call money was practically the same. But the rates for time money, which yesterday were 8 per cent, with few offers for short loans, were only 5 per cent last year, while four and six month loans were easily obtainable.

Bankers are inclined to not believe yet that a pretty stiff rate for all loans will continue until after Jan. 1, although they express the opinion that the liquidation of yesterday was more than sufficient to relieve the situation by a release of large loans.

The sharp decline of prices on the stock exchange on Wednesday was succeeded Thursday by even more violent breaks, in the course of which active stocks fell from 3 to 4 points each, while there were several single declines of 6 points and one extreme break of 12 points—the latter in North American.

Total dealings for the day exceeded 1,100,000 shades—as compared with recent days of 250,000 or 300,000 shares—and there were unmistakable evidences of genuine liquidation in which important pools are credited to have figured.

Indeed, at one time, the market was in a semi-demoralized condition, and there were fears in some quarters that an out-and-out panic might develop. But, as on the previous days banking interests came to the support of the market at the most critical moment, first steadying and finally rallying prices.

One Minneapolis speculator operating here is said to have been compelled to let go of $5,000,000 worth of stocks he was handling.

BOY WAS FROZEN TO DEATH

Tears, Congealed to Ice Upon His Cheeks, Were Mute Evidences of His Suffering.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 12.—William Hinger, frozen to death, with tears congealed to ice upon his cheeks, was found this morning on the porch of D. W. Haley, just outside the city limits. The boy disappeared Sunday afternoon last.

The body was found close to an unused door by Mr. Haley's father. So fast was the coat worn by the 5-years-old boy frozen to the floor of the veranda that force was necessary to pry the body loose.

It is supposed that the little fellow was overcome by the biting cold and long tramp in the darkness and that when he reached the Haley house he turned into it for aid. Being unable to make himself heard above the roaring wind and snow, he sank upon the porch and died from exposure.

He and his sister left their home in this city Sunday afternoon to do an errand for their mother on William street. On arriving at the William street house, Willie said he would remain on the sidewalk to play with sled while his sister was inside. That was the last seen of him.

The boy's father notified the police on Monday and every corner of the city was searched in vain. The Wasco river was dragged and sewer manholes were opened.

It is believed that the little fellow was overcome by the cold at the spot where his body was found on the night of his disappearance. The thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero Monday morning.

Fred Latinet Missing.

Fred Latinet, a son of Eugene Latinet of French Village, left home one evening last week to call on friends and has not been seen since. His friends say that he has often expressed a desire to enlist in the army, and they are inclined to think that this explains his absence, but his parents will not believe that he would go away in that manner and think he has met with foul play.

Freezing Weather Predicted

Warm clothes are in order. $3.85 and $7.45 buys young men's $7.50 and $12 overcoats. Globe, Seventh and Franklin.

MOTORMAN HURLED THROUGH THE AIR

Terrific Explosion of Controller Box on Car.

ON GRAND AVENUE BRIDGE

DAVID W. FELLS MAY DIE FROM HIS INJURIES.

He Is Unable to Explain Cause of the Accident—Conductor Was Not Hurt—No Passengers Were Aboard.

Injuries that may terminate fatally were received by David W. Fells, a motorman, in an explosion which occurred on the Grand avenue bridge at 5:45 this morning.

As the car was crossing the bridge a terrific explosion occurred in the controller box. Fells was hurled off the platform and against an iron girder of the bridge. His left leg was fractured, his shoulder was dislocated, one rib was broken and he sustained other injuries, internal and external.

The surgeons at the City Hospital, where he was taken directly after the accident, are undecided as to whether he will live or die. There were no passengers in the car.

Officials of the St. Louis Transit Co. said this morning they had received no reports of the accident yet, and were unable to offer an explanation of the accident.

MOTORMAN'S EXPLANATION.

Motorman Fells gave the following explanation of the occurrence to a reporter for the Post-Dispatch:

"Conductor Jennings and myself were taking Bellefontaine car No. 1929 to Bellefontaine avenue, to begin our first trip. From Chouteau avenue to the bridge the grade is down hill, and we were coasting, using no electricity at all. The car was completely under the control of the brakes, and was not going at an unusually rapid rate.

When we reached the Grand avenue bridge I turned on the power five points. Immediately there was a fearful explosion. I felt myself flying through the air and knew nothing more until I was revived by persons summoned by Conductor Jennings. I have no idea why the explosion should have occurred. I understand it was the controller that exploded. The controller is in the box on and under the front platform beside which the motorman stands. I have often turned on the current in the same way before without producing any bad results.

CONDUCTOR NOT HURT.

Fells lives at 3411 Meramec street, and is an experienced motorman.

Conductor Jennings was uninjured, although the shock threw him off his feet. He hurried for medical assistance for Fells as soon as the accident happened.

The entire front end of the car was completely wrecked.

MARRIAGES BIRTHS, DEATHS

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since the last publication of the list in the Post-Dispatch:

Milton Anderson	123 Cedar st
Cornelia Leighton	513 La Salle st
Arthur North	Kirkwood, Mo
Rosa Johnson	Kirkwood, Mo
Geo. Gudermuth	Allenton, Mo
Mary Hutsell	Allenton, Mo
Thomas Wyatt	2028 Manchester av
Maria Abernathy	29 S. 11th st
W. H. Miller	Hillsboro, Ill
Nellie W. Cress	Hillsboro, Ill
Edwin A. Marr	3111 Olive st
Ada H. Hopson	2700 Dickson st
Fred Lemon	2416 S. Broadway
Mayme Nessen	2708 S. 9th st
Fred Sawyer	2317 Goode av
Rose Hembrough	2317 Garfield av
Charles A. Vinton	2406 N. Broadway
Rose Loveman	Cleveland, O
G. F. Haussner	3310 Lemp av
Franziska Schlager	3036 Arsenal st
C. F. Bidley	Cairo, Ill
Lotie Fitch	1406½ Linden st
W. I. Ingamells	6274 Famous av
Edwina R. Wasson	5329 Cabanne av

Wedding Rings (Solid Gold).

Finest qualities, $3.00 to $20. Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust. Write for catalogue. Mailed free.

Births Recorded.

The following births have been recorded since the last publication of the list in the Post-Dispatch:

W. and L. Sheiby, 923 Biddle; boy.
C. and M. Chandler, 402 Montrose; boy.
J. and M. Lawrence, 906 S. 4th; boy.
N. and E. Middleton, 1432 Glasgow; girl.
H. and E. Six, 1c.S. Sells; girl.
G. and A. Strosmer, 2011 S. 2d; girl.
J. and M. Middleton, 1432 Glasgow; boy.
J. and H. Loesche, 728 Shenandoah; girl.
J. and N. Pollardy, 6116 Ella; boy.
B. and K. Schwering, 807 Allen; boy.
G. and M. Wels, 4418 Garfield; girl.
J. and M. Knoll, 1011 Allen; girl.
M. and T. Mueller, 925 Wyoming; girl.
T. and L. Cowels, 4018 Duncan; girl.
W. and A. Huffman, 1912 S. Broadway; girl.
M. and M. Hickory, 3312 Hickory; girl.
J. and F. Greenspons, 1220 N. 8th; girl.

Burial Permits.

The following burial permits have been issued since the last publication of the list in the Post-Dispatch:

Henry C. Luebbens, 41, Quarantine Hospital; confluens.
Clarence Crowley, 24, 1114 N. 11th; tuberculosis.
Charles A. Oaler, 68, 1305 Washington; apoplexy.
John McElger, 2 months, 1236 N. 10th; inanition.
Rose Runcke, 43, Mullanphy Hospital; Bright's disease.
Anna Benson, 33, Female Hospital; abscess.
Lena Rosenblatt, 8, 400 S. Jefferson; phthisis.
Patrick McMorrow, 79, 2304 S. 3d; uremia.
Edward John, 6, 403 Duchouquette; pneumonia.
Elizabeth Sandes, 66, 1813 S. 3d; bronchitis.
Catherine Lammer, 46, 204 Dorcas; enteritis.
Martin Swaney, 65, 2840 E. 18th; pneumonia.
Annie Orlean, 28, Insane Asylum; pulmonalis.
Ann Condon, 67, 2332 Biddle; grip.
V. George Gorta, 54, 702 Market; asthma.
Mary A. Duffy, 52, 21 S. 15th; cancer.
Barbara Naumann, 60, 1506 Agnes; peritonitis.
Mary French, 73, 1202 Bennett; angina pectoris.
Bertha Bohn, 61, 3001 Leads; bronchitis.
Samuel D. McAdoo, 81, 2713 N. 10th; debility.
Samuel Ulbery, 64, 2145 Franklin; cancer.
Mathias Storz, 83, 2700 Missouri; debility.
Harry Schlais, 1 month, 814 Biddle; pneumonia.

Cold Weather Predicted.

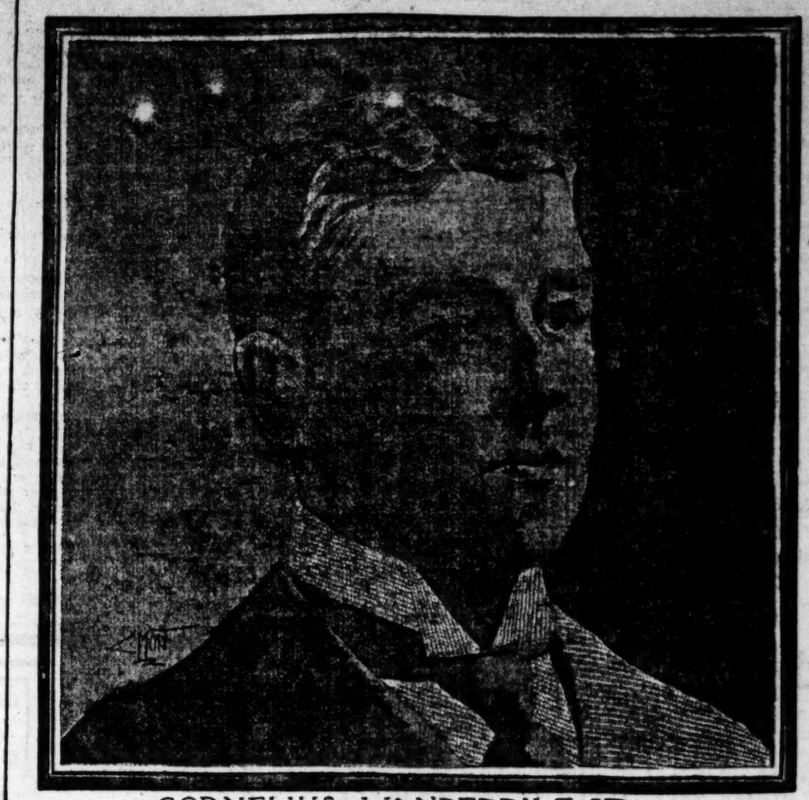
Keep warm—$1.35 and $3.85 buys boys' $3 and $6 suits. Globe, Seventh and Franklin.

For uttering a strong expression of disapproval while quarreling with a constable at Vienna, a nobleman has been fined 16s 8d for insulting the police.

A Cold Wave Coming.

Prepare yourself—$4.85 and $6.85 buys men's $10 and $15 suits. Globe, Seventh and Franklin.

THIS YOUNG MAN'S ILLNESS BREAKS THE FEUD THAT LONG ESTRANGED THE VANDERBILT FAMILY



CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—There was practically no change today in the condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is suffering from typhoid fever at his home, 22 Park avenue.

Mr. Vanderbilt continues dangerously ill. While he is in no immediate danger, society is interesting itself in the possibility of a reconciliation between him and his family as an outcome of his illness.

From Paris came a cable message from Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, mother of the patient, which read:

"How are you?"

Reginald Vanderbilt left his card at his brother's house, as did also William K. Vanderbilt. A cablegram from Mrs. Vanderbilt was also delivered to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, at Fifty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, asking:

"How is Cornelius?"

But Alfred Vanderbilt neither called nor left his card at the Park avenue house.

Intimate friends of the family say there will be no reconciliation. Denials were made all around that Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney called on her brother Monday, and the servant at the Cornelius Vanderbilt mansion who gave out the information was instructed to give out no more names of callers.

The calls of Reginald Vanderbilt and his uncle, William K., were very perfunctory. Reginald drove by the house shortly before 2 o'clock. He gazed up curiously as the carriage rolled by. At 4 he returned, this time in a cab. A flunkey recognized him and was beckoned outside by the young man, who handed him his card, and without a question drove away again.

At 5 o'clock William K. Vanderbilt walked up Park avenue. He passed the house; then suddenly wheeled around and walked up the steps of Cornelius Vanderbilt's home. He had his card ready, and thrusting it in the hands of the flunky, walked abruptly away. He did not speak.

Mrs. Ogden Goelet was the first visitor. She is practically living at the Park avenue house during her brother-in-law's illness.

Mrs. Nicholas Fish, attired entirely in black, stopped at the door in her carriage and had a few words with Miss Goelet. Mrs. John A. Drexel and Miss Martha Johnson also left their cards. Gladys and Beatrice Mills, the twin daughters of Mrs. Ogden Mills, left a big bunch of orchids during the afternoon, and Lance Corporal McLoughlin of G Company, Twelfth Regiment, called to convey the sympathy of the company to its lieutenant.

Cornelius is now in his 29th year. He was married to Miss Wilson Aug. 4, 1898, after the most strenuous opposition on the part of his father.

His father's ill-health shortly thereafter was attributed to worry over the marriage. When he died he left the great bulk of his immense estate to Alfred G. Vanderbilt, the younger brother of Cornelius, who thus assumed the leading place of the Vanderbilts in this generation—a place to which Cornelius was entitled by reason of his years.

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney was Gertrude Vanderbilt and was the most bitter in the family, except the father, in opposing the match.

His wife, for whom he sacrificed the leadership of his branch of the Vanderbilt family, and who has scored a number of high social triumphs over the other members of the family, notably the dinner to Prince Henry of Prussia, is the sick man's faithful nurse. She is by his side almost continually. There are four additional trained nurses in attendance.

From many incidents it is evident that the sentiment in the Vanderbilt family is changing. Reginald Vanderbilt, who sided with Alfred Gwynne, in referring to Cornelius called him "Neely."

Catarrh

Is a constitutional disease.

It originates in a scrofulous condition of the blood and depends on that condition.

It often causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the vocal organs, disturbs the stomach.

It is always radically and permanently cured by the blood-purifying, alterative and tonic action of

Hood's Sarsaparilla

This great medicine has wrought the most wonderful cures of all diseases depending on scrofula or the scrofulous habit.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best cathartic.

Constant Efforts in the direction of perfection have brought results gratifying to us and our patrons. Strange indeed, if you could remain indifferent to the exceptional merit of our garments after the test of comparison.



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Werner Bros.

The Republic Bldg., On Olive Street at Seventh.

NOTICE.

We will be pleased to have our friends and patrons, who anticipate buying any goods in our China Department, call early to make their selections. We are doing all we can to properly care for the unprecedentedly large business we are now having, and if the rush continues and increases next week we doubt our ability to pack carefully and deliver satisfactorily the goods that will probably be ordered. We find it difficult to get more experienced packers competent to handle and pack the fine goods we keep in this department.

Simmons Hardware Co.

Broadway & St. Charles

Bring the Children to See Santa Claus' Donkeys

Let Them Write a Letter in the Contest for the Donkeys—Given to the Writer of the Most Interesting Letter.

Clothing at Dry Goods Profits.

Think of buying an $8.50 Overcoat at $5. That's exactly what we are going to offer you Saturday all day—follow this description: They're swagger—they come in Oxford, Frieze and Blue Kersey—the greatest coat ever offered for this price—we have them in all sizes..... **$5.00**

Men's $18.00 Overcoats—hand-tailored Gray Oxford, Blue or Black Frieze and Oxford Meltons—beautifully finished..... **$10.00**

Men's $15 and $18 swell Winter Suits—fancy and plain weaves—black or blue cheviots—4-button sacks, with hand-padded shoulders and hand-finished collars—equal to custom made..... **$10.00**

A List of Clothing Wonders for Saturday Shoppers.

Boys' $2 Reefer Coats, 99c.
Boys' $2 Suits, 99c.
Men's $2 Trousers, 99c.
Boys' $4 Reefers, $1.99.
Boys' $6 Reefers, $2.95.
Boys' $3 Norfolk Suits, $1.99.
Men's $2 Hats, 99c.
Men's 75c Heavy Overalls, 25c.
Boys' 50c Caps, 19c.
Boys' $6 Storm Ulsters, $3.

A Shirt Sale.

How would you men who wear 15 or 15½ Shirts like to buy a $1.00, $1.50 or $2.00 Shirt for less than the cost of good lunch? Well, here's the story. It's not long. We won't waste much space. Advertising costs too much money, and if we used it we would only have to add it to the cost of the Shirt. So here goes:

The makers of the celebrated Majestic Shirts have their representative in this city with a full and complete line of shirt samples from which he takes his orders. There is not today a better made or fitting shirt sold in this country. This lot consists of all their samples of Madras, in plain and colored, linen effects. Oxford and Harvard cloth, cheviot and corded effects—not a shirt worth less than $1.00, and the majority are $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00 shirts—sizes only 15 and 15½—some are soiled, while others are clean—every Shirt is perfect—come early Saturday—choice of lot, each..... **59c**

A Men's Tie Sale.

10,000 beautiful Christmas Ties, put up one in a beautiful embroidered box—in Four-in-hand, Teck, Duke of York or Puff—all the newest styles and patterns—you will pay 25c to 50c more for these Ties at other stores..... **50c**

THE MEYER STORE

COR. BROADWAY & WASHINGTON.

Sale of Monte Carlo Coats.

MORE COATS THAN ANY OTHER ONE STORE IN ST. LOUIS, AND VISITORS ACKNOWLEDGE PRICES ARE ONE-FOURTH LESS.

$7.50 MONTE CARLOS, $3.95.

Ladies' Monte Carlo Coats, made of mel-ton cloth, trimmed with fancy buttons and neatly stitched. All sizes, in colors of blue, black and tan.

$10.95 MONTE CARLO COATS, $5.95.

Made of fine French kerseys, in black only. Beautifully stitched and man-tailored. Finished with ornamental horn buttons and lined throughout.

$12.50 MONTE CARLO COATS, $6.95.

Made of kersey cloth, lined throughout, with mannish collar and Paquin sleeves. Colors black, tan and castor.

$15 MONTE CARLO COATS, $8.45.

215 Monte Carlo Coats, made of French kersey, corded back and front, with wide Kimona sleeves, roll cuff and trimmed with cut pearl buttons. Lined with guaranteed satin.

$18.50 MONTE CARLO COATS, $9.95.

200 of these coats, made of fine French kersey, with pointed yokes, trimmed with Norfolk straps. Lined with guaranteed satin.

LADIES' $35 COATS, $15.95.

Made of finest French kersey, with triple capes, trimmed with silk passementerie and stitched bands of Duchesse satin and large buttons of oxidized silver.

$40 CAPE COATS, $24.95.

Made of kersey cloth, beautifully stitched, each cape corded with satin or embroidery, and trimmed with drop passementerie. Velvet collars and Paquin sleeves, and lined throughout with Skinner satin.

$50 VELVET BLOUSES, $29.

Made of silk velvet; collars and revers of gray Siberian squirrel. Long peplum postillion backs, and the whole coat being trimmed with black silk braid. Lined throughout with Pompadour silk.

$17.50 SHIRT WAIST SUITS, $8.99.

Made of metallic dotted velvets, slot seamed yokes and Paquin sleeves. Trimmed with large ornamental pearl buttons. Serpentine skirt, full flare.

LADIES' $25 OVERCOATS, $10.95.

Made of Montagnac and French kersey cloths, lined throughout with guaranteed satin.

$25 MONTE CARLO COATS, $12.45.

500 kersey cloth Monte Carlo Coats, trimmed with silk drop passementerie—some with fancy yokes, others trimmed with kersey straps, beautifully stitched—all man tailored and lined throughout, with guaranteed satin.

$30 MONTE CARLOS, $15.95.

Ladies' ¾-length Monte Carlo Coats, made of finest grade kersey cloth, with yokes and double cape collars, trimmed with tab fronts. Colors tan, castor and black.

$20 MONTE CARLO COATS, $10.95.

Made of English kersey, with circular cape collar and trimmed with curvature bands of kersey, beautifully stitched. Large Paquin sleeves, and lined throughout with guaranteed satin.

LADIES' $32 MONTE CARLO COATS, $14.95.

50-inch Monte Carlo Coats, made of French kersey cloth, and lined throughout with guaranteed satin. Man tailored, trimmed with stitched yokes, roll cuffs and mannish collar of silk velvet.

Girls' Worsted Dresses.

Sizes 4 to 14 Years.

Nearly 3000 at Cost of Material.

You cannot gather the material together for the price of a dress during this sale. A maker was forced to sacrifice his stock, and that's the reason.

99c to $2.99 for Dresses Worth $2 to $5

A Great Shoe Sale Saturday.

Luddy & Curriers' $2.50 Shoes for $1.49.

One of Lynn, Massachusetts, largest makers of two-dollar-and-a-half Shoes for ladies, closes out to The Meyer Store thousands of pairs, comprising stock on hand at time of their change from making winter to spring shoes. That's the reason of this sale. They are fine kid laced shoes—extension sole walking shoes—light dress shoes—almost every size and width. Every pair perfect. Dealers can buy to advantage, as this is less than the usual cost at the factory. Sale price, $1.49 pair.

LADIES' $1.50 SLIPPERS, 98c.

600 pairs of ladies' Juliettes and Colonial Slippers, all made in the newest shapes.

BOYS' $1.50 SHOES, 98c.

286 pairs of boys' satin calf lace Shoes, warranted all solid leather.

LADIES' $3 SLIPPERS, $2.

Ladies' swell evening slippers, in the newest shapes, all sizes.

MEN'S $2.50 TO $3.50 SHOES, $1.98.

386 pairs of men's box calf vici kid, patent and enamel leather Shoes, with single or double soles, calf or drill lined.

MEN'S $2 SLIPPERS, $1.50.

Men's House Slippers, in either tan or black. These make useful Christmas gifts.

MEN'S $1.50 SLIPPERS, 98c.

200 pairs of men's House Slippers, tan or black. Seven different styles to select from.

Wonderful Selling of Millinery.

$4.98—185 new winter creations for late wear will be shown for the first time—Fur and Flower Trimmings being very prominent in this display. These hats were made to sell for $7.50 and $10.00—Saturday..... **$4.98**

$3.00 Hats, 98c.

500 choice Trimmed Dress Hats to choose from—not a one worth less than $3.00—Saturday..... **98c**

Hats! Hats! Hats!

1465 Hats of every style and shape, every conceivable color and pattern. You will surely wonder at this vast assortment. Can you imagine buying a perfectly trimmed Street Ready-to-Wear Hat that is worth from 75c to $1.00 for less than some stores ask you to trim a hat? That is exactly what we will do; Saturday you can take your pick of this lot for..... **25c**

Two Ostrich Specials.

45 Black Ostrich Feathers of the finest quality, in black only—we have sold hundreds of them for $9.00—Saturday..... **$5.00**

$2 French Tips, 3 in a bunch—black and colors..... **49c**

Handkerchiefs.

A Fancy Box FREE with every fifty cents' worth of Handkerchiefs over 5c.

LADIES' 10c AND 12c INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, 5c.

One lot of Ladies' Linen and Cambric Initialed Handkerchiefs. Some of these have slight imperfections, hence the price. Almost every letter.

LADIES' 35c LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 19c.

Pure linen centers with wide lace and hemstiched borders.

75c BOX OF HANDKERCHIEFS, 59c.

Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs with beautifully worked initials, 6 in a box, 59c.

25c SILK LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 19c.

Men's Silk Linen Handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered with silk initials. You cannot tell these handkerchiefs from silk.

50c AND 75c FANCY SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, 3 FOR $1.

A line of Ladies' Colored Silk Handkerchiefs with beautifully embroidered borders and scalloped edges. Just the thing for fancy neckwear.

Luck Envelopes Free—*We will give away Saturday (all day) with each purchase, 1 Luck Envelope, some of which contain an order for some article, which upon presentation at this department will be given to you free of cost. It matters not what you purchase.*

FIVE CONTESTS FILED.

Republican Candidates Seek to Overthrow Election Result.

Five Republican candidates, who were defeated at the last election, filed contest proceedings in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon.

The contestants are: Archibald Carr, who contests William H. Hauschulte, his successful Democratic rival for clerkship of the Circuit Court; Edin Godron, who contests the election of Casper J. Wolf, Democrat, as clerk of the Circuit Court for Criminal Causes; Louis F. Zepp, who contests the election of John J. Manton, Democrat, as clerk of the Court of Criminal Correction; John H. Becker, contesting Charles Young's election as constable in the Second district and Charles E. Mohrstadt, who contests the election of John P. Dolan, Democrat, as constable in the Ninth district.

Allegations of illegalities and irregularities in the count are made, and copies of the voting lists were filed with the petitions.

Concert at Mission.

A musical program will be given this evening at the Niedringhaus Memorial Hall. It is the first of a number of concerts to be given there by pupils of the musical conservatories of St. Louis. The participants of this evening are from the Beethoven Conservatory of Music.

Lecture by Col. Watterson.

Col. Henry Watterson will address East St. Louisans on the subject of "Abraham Lincoln," in the High School auditorium Friday night. He will speak under the auspices of the East St. Louis High School Literary Society. Louis Ortgier, of the class of 1904, president of the society, will make the introductory speech.

POLICY TRIALS DELAYED.

Cases Will Await Return of Police Judge Sidener.

The cases of 22 men arrested in policy shops during several raids last week were continued to Dec. 22 in the City Hall Police Court this morning by Acting Judge Taafe, who says that he has not time in which to try the case, several of the de endants having asked for a jury.

Judge Sidener, who is in New York on business, will return to the bench before the date to which the cases are continued.

The following men asked for a jury: Park French, Ed Seymour, Ed Isable (two cases), Will Allen and James Kelly.

Defendants from the Dayton Street Police Court on changes of venue are: Henry Brooken, Robert Antram, Martin Stuart, Isaac Martin, Joseph Griffin and William Wylie.

The other alleged policy players are: Albert Kates (two cases), Harry Watson, Will Haskins, George Carter, John Williams, Jeff Robinson and John Clegg. Detectives Pazdernik, Sullivan, Feeney and Ryan and Special Officers Matson and McKenna made the arrests.

Indiana Society's Officers.

Officers of the Indiana Society were chosen at a meeting held at the Planters' Hotel last evening. Harry S. New, Indianapolis Journal, S. E. Morse, Indianapolis Sentinel and John Kern were elected honorary members. The new officers are:

President, Jesse A. McDonald; first vice-president, Joseph L. Griswold; second vice-president Joseph A. Wright; third vice-president, S. B. Boyd; treasurer, G. H. Sallee; secretary, Myron M. Medsker; directors, T. B. Glazebrook, S. J. Fisher, L. D. Drake of Boonville, Joseph Flory and Charles M. Reeves.

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"The World's Grandest Jewelry Establishment."
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embracing more elegance, originality and intrinsic value than was ever before shown—with unprecedented values at prices ranging from **$5** to **$10,000**—we quote:

Ladies' Solitaire Diamond Rings—very choice stones, set in our own workrooms—very special at..... **$50.00**

Two-stone Rings, $75; three-stone, $100.

Gentlemen's Scarf Pins—an entensive assortment, embracing solitaires, cluster settings, fancy shapes—all exclusive designs—matchless values at..... **$25.00**

Out of an unusually choice collection of

Watches

among which will be found the celebrated Jules Jurgensen and Patek, Philippe & Co. watches (up to **$850**), the equally reliable Mermod & Jaccard Bulletin watches; the Paragon, the Standard, the Constant and other good watches (as low as **$5**), we suggest—

Gentlemen's Watch—splendid American movement, well jeweled, in solid 14-k. gold open-face case, reliable timekeeper—matchless value at..... **$50.00**

Ladies' Watch—solid 14-k. gold hunting or open-face case—polished or satin-finished bead border, 15-jewel movement—a splendid gift for..... **$50.00**

Out of an unusually choice collection of

Solid Silver

principally of our own original designs and manufacture—of a comprehensiveness never before shown—offering superb values all the way from **25c** to **$1500**—the following are specially noteworthy:

Solid Silver Match Boxes—choice of several good patterns, heavy and well made, bright and French gray finish—special value at..... **$1.00**

Others at $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 and up to $15.00.

Manicure Set—consisting or scissors, buffer, nail file and salve box, all heavily mounted in solid silver, complete in embossed silk covered case—exceptional value at..... **$6.50**

Others at $9.50, $12.50 and up to $45.00.

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Complies with all food laws. Full of leavening power—wholesome—leaves no bitter taste—modern results. Use a can at your grocers. Trade supplied by

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"SQUIRREL" BRAND PURE FOODS.

IN THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED DAYS.

Powdered Wigs Formed an Important Adjunct to a Gentleman's Apparel.

It is safe to say that the majority of bald men of today would gladly revive the old, dignified custom if they could. But they can do the next best thing to it; that is, to revive the growth of the hair nature gave them.

In cases where the hair root or hair bulb has not been completely destroyed by parasites that infest it, Newbro's Herpicide will do wonders in the way of stimulating the growth of lifeless and failing hair. Destroy the cause, you remove the effect. That is the successful mission of Herpicide. Send 10c in stamps. The Herpicide Co., 41 Jefferson avenue, Detroit, Mich. Sold by Rabotean & Co., [illegible] Drug Co., Jones & Dolph, [illegible]

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DID ALLIE DOOL DIE OF POISON?

Tona Dunlap's Counsel Raises This Question.

EXPERTS GIVE TESTIMONY

EFFORT MADE TO SHATTER THE STATE'S BEST POINT.

Humorous Incident at Trial When a Feminine Witness Appealed to the Court Help Her Conceal Her Exact Age.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

ALEDO, Ill., Dec. 12.—Dr. Browning, who assisted Dr. Reynolds in the autopsy on the body of Miss Allie Dool, the day after her death, was placed on the stand this morning by the state in the trial of Tona Dunlap for poisoning.

He corroborated his colleague's statements of the day previous that Miss Dool's death was due to strychnine. He was rigidly cross-examined by the defense, but not to such length as Dr. Reynolds.

Dr. Crafton, the Chicago expert, who made an analysis of Miss Dool's stomach and the poisoned bit of chocolate candy, next took the stand. He described the methods pursued in obtaining the analysis, and said he found traces of strychnine in the stomach and candy.

The trial developed into an inquiry on toxicology when the expert was turned over to the attorneys for the defense, but his testimony was unshaken.

The defense, in all its cross-examination of the medical experts, sought to obscure and efface the strength of their statements. Dr. Reynolds was the center of their attacks. He was on the stand five hours yesterday. Under the questioning of Public Prosecutor Scott he told of his ministrations to Miss Dool in her dying moments, assisted by Dr. Browning.

Attorney Searle, with whom the physician had several spirited tilts during the arguments as to the admissibility of Miss Dool's dying statement, again sought to confuse the witness. Every answer of the physician was guardedly given. He weighed carefully every utterance. It was brought out that Dr. Reynolds has been the attending physician for the Dool family a dozen years. He stated that Miss Dool's general health was good; that only once in the past year had he been called in to attend her professionally. On July 24 last, he said, she was ill in bed when he was summoned. He found her suffering from acute indigestion.

"What did you prescribe for her?" sharply demanded Attorney Searle.

"It's not professional ethics to divulge such things, nor am I accustomed to do so. If the court directs me I can do no other than accede."

Judge Ramsey ruled the question competent. The prescription was produced and the chemical ingredients named, the chief agent being pepsin.

The purpose of the defense was plainly shown to discredit the strychnine theory by demonstrating that Miss Dool was subject to acute indigestion. With her stomach in a debilitated condition her death might have been due to ptomaine poisoning or from other causes. Dr. Edward Gudeman of Chicago and Dr. C. C. Carter of Rock Island have been summoned by Miss Dunlap's counsel to disprove the strychnine theory, if possible.

Dodging the Question of Age.

Miss Emma Riddle was called by the prosecution to complete the chain as to the finding of the poisoned piece of chocolate beneath the muslin counter. She is a milliner, 40 years old.

Judge Connell, who is an old acquaintance, touched her in a tender spot when he asked the witness her age. The question aroused every woman in the courtroom and they craned forward eagerly for the reply.

"I don't know as you need to know that," she snapped and her corkscrew curls nodded as her head shook in agitation.

"Witness, state your age," again drawled Judge Connell.

"The witness must answer," was the court's mandate.

Miss Riddle looked about appealingly as though for an avenue of escape. Then her thin lips pursed, her eyes flashed. "I lived in Keithsburg 36 years and moved to Aledo four years ago. Now you can figure out how old I be?" and she shot indignant glances at her tormentor.

Roars greeted the sally, in which the fair prisoner joined, under cover of which the blushing attorney forbore to press the point and the examination closed without further incident.

The Theory of the Defense.

Judge Connell, senior counsel for the defendant, made the following statement to the Post-Dispatch: "We believe our client innocent. We are confident of an acquittal. There are things connected with this trial which will startle people more than anything that has yet been developed.

"As to the line of our defense, we are, in the main, decided. The details depend on the course pursued by the prosecution. If they follow a certain line of tactics, we may find it best to alter the position of some of our batteries.

"The trial will last fully two weeks longer. I understand the state has over 50 witnesses and the defense will present as many, including the persons subpenaed to testify as to our client's character.

"You can say explicitly that there is no agreement between the prosecution and defense to suppress any evidence in connection with the case. The full light of publicity will be thrown upon every feature as far as we are concerned."

There is a constant feeling that a bomb is to explode any moment during the trial. Startling developments are expected as soon as the medical experts are disposed of.

The defense has been led to expect that the prosecution's strong card is to prove that a man in Felix's store was the motive actuating the defendant to rid herself of a real or fancied rival in Miss Dool and vigorous preparations are being made to protect the honor and reputation of their client. If this trend is followed, it may result in a series of revelations now vaguely anticipated.

In many features the case is the most perplexing since the memorable Mrs. Cordelia Botkin trial at San Francisco.

CHURCH IN MIDDLE OF ROAD.

Proposed Highway in Ferguson Will Bisect Edifice.

The town officials of Ferguson have prepared an ordinance for the extension of Church avenue from Clay avenue, its present terminus, to Elizabeth avenue.

In the path of the proposed extension is the Ferguson Presbyterian Church. It must be moved to one side, the officials say, or the street will be cut right through it.

At present it is necessary for citizens residing on Elizabeth avenue to pass through yards adjoining the church to reach the steam or electric cars. Complaints of the owners of these yards are responsible for the preparation of the ordinance.

Soldier's Body Rests at Home.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

MILAN, Mo., Dec. 12.—The body of Charles W. Sodders arrived here today from Cavite, Philippine Islands. He was corporal of Company K, Fifteenth Cavalry, U. S. Army. He was the son of Mrs. Belle Kelley of this city, and was shot April 9 [illegible]

CHRISTMAS

A petite, pretty lady entered the cigar store.

"I want a sample cigar."

The clerk looked a little confused.

"We have no such thing as a sample cigar."

"That's strange."

"What did you want to do with a cigar?"

"O, if you must know, I want to give my husband a box of cigars for a Christmas present. I've never done anything of that sort, and I want to take every precaution."

The clerk tumbled to the unique exigency confronting him, and gave the little lady a choice cigar. Two days later she returned.

"I want a box like the cigar you gave me the other day."

"Your husband liked it, did he?"

"O, he never saw it. I chopped it up and put it in our dog's food. It didn't seem to affect him in the least."

"Gave it to your dog?"

"Yes; my husband told me once that every woman who buys Christmas cigars for her husband ought to take the precaution of trying one on the dog."

She took her box of cigars and went out. The proprietor walked up to the cash drawer, took out the three dollars the little lady had left, and bit each one of them carefully.

It was the first time he had taken in any of that sort of money.

The Christmas number of the Sunday Post-Dispatch will be issued next Sunday. It will be the most elaborate and entertaining Christmas number ever published west of the Mississippi river. Here are some of the people who have written Christmas stories for it:

Mrs. U. S. Grant.
Mrs. Jefferson Davis.
Gen. A. R. Chaffee.
Mrs. John A. Ockerson of St. Louis.
Archbishop John Ireland.
John Mitchell.
Mrs. Florence M. Latlin of St. Louis.
Alfred Henry Lewis.
Clara Morris.
Cy Warman.
John R. Spears.

"'Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse."

Do you know the history of this famous Christmas poem? It has delighted more children than all the other Christmas poems ever written. It will be published, with illustrations in colors, in the next Sunday Post-Dispatch. This pretty page will be a child's Christmas gift in itself.

Napoleon had a habit of making kings and emperors of his brothers. There are brothers in St. Louis who make their own way. There are three in one family who have landed at the top of the heap, each going his way in youth. This story shows the exceptional resourcefulness of some St. Louis families. It is illustrated in the next Sunday Post-Dispatch.

Madame Le Brun and child, a beautiful picture appropriate to the Christmas season, will be given away with the next Sunday Post-Dispatch.

The Roly Polys' Christmas will delight the children. It is illustrated in colors in the next Sunday Post-Dispatch.

What the New Jersey relatives of Mrs. Charles Fair, who left them a million, are doing with the money—a story of plain people waking up and finding themselves rich. Illustrated in the next Sunday Post-Dispatch.

Sewer and Street Law Legal.

In an opinion in the case of Christian F. Pryor versus the City of St. Louis, Justice Marshall of the state supreme court decided yesterday that the amendments to the city charter providing for the construction of sewers, streets and alleys were legal. The amendments provided that the work shall be paid for by special tax, and Pryor sued to restrain the construction company and the city from issuing special tax bills and from proceeding with certain work in the Arsenal district.

PARENTS' GRIEF TURNED TO HOPE

THEY SUPPOSED THEIR CHILD TO BE DEAD.

PHYSICIAN SHOWED ERROR

Body Had Been Wrapped for Burial When Life Was Found Still Present.

A 7-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nuttmann of Birkner Station, St. Clair County, a few miles from Belleville, seemed to have died yesterday. The parents, having no doubt that the little one was dead, prepared it for burial.

A Belleville physician, who had been summoned and who arrived at the Nuttmann home after the supposed death of the child, found that life remained, and under his treatment it still lives.

The child was taken ill suddenly and its condition became so serious that the father sent a messenger to Belleville for a physician. As the latter was on his way he was met by a neighbor of the Nuttmanns, who told him that the child had died. Not doubting, but desiring to comfort the parents, the doctor drove on to the house.

He found that the child had been prepared for burial, and its face had been bandaged, but discovered that a spark of life remained, and by hard work he succeeded in restoring vitality. The child is still quite sick, but there is a possibility that it may recover.

Storekeepers Warned.

J. H. Guest, manager of the St. Louis branch of the Butterick Co., pattern publishers, has asked the police to arrest a well-dressed young man giving the name of W. J. Schubert. Mr. Guest says the man victimized the proprietors of several small stores by representing himself as an agent of the Butterick Co., and that he also passed worthless checks.

ASHES THROWN FROM CAR.

Conductor's Methods Caused Physician to Prosecute Him.

Dr. John C. Morfit of 3533 Olive street appeared this morning in the City Hall Police Court as complaining witness in a unique prosecution. It is his object to punish a street car conductor for throwing ashes from a car on the street.

Dr. Morfit has preferred that charge against Conductor S. M. Featherstone of car No. 553, Grand avenue line. He alleges that the conductor threw a quantity of ashes from his car on Grand avenue, near Gravois avenue, Dec. 3.

The physician, who was faultlessly attired, stated to the court that in times past he had seen conductors throwing ashes from car windows which had soiled his clothing and the garments of other men, and he had detemined to prosecute the next conductor who thus disposed of the ashes from the car stove.

The case was continued to Dec. 19, the officers not having been able to obtain service on the conductor.

Paris and Rome will be connected by public telephone in December.

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(OTHERS AT $12, $10 and $7.50.)



These garments have (1) Character; (2) Style; and (3) Fit; (4) The Union Label. "Gately's Good Goods" first of all—then the label. All our clothing is "guaranteed clothing"—all of it has the label. Don't buy clothing for the label alone. Brock's clothing is guaranteed.

Special No. III. *We inaugurate a "Boys' Clothing Department" in our new store by offering some special values.*

Both Stores Are Open Daily Till Eight P. M. Saturdays Till Ten.

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CAR SERVICE INSUFFICIENT

North St. Louis Business Men Complain of Transit Company's Policy.

Members of the North St. Louis Business Men's Association last evening made a strong protest against the street car service afforded by the transit company. The meeting was held at North St. Louis Turner hall. A letter from J. H. Gundlach was read, referring to the scarcity of cars on North St. Louis lines. He added that motormen often failed to stop for passengers, even when there was plenty of room in the car.

John Clausen of 2801 North Broadway declared that the transit company's failure to provide satisfactory service should cause concerted action by commercial bodies.

SOUR STOMACH (Acid Dyspepsia)

Now Recognized as the Cause of Serious Diseases.

Acid Dyspepsia, commonly called heartburn or sour stomach, is a form of indigestion resulting from fermentation of the food. The stomach being too weak to promptly digest it, the food remains until fermentation begins, filling the stomach with gas, and a bitter, sour, burning taste in the mouth is often present. This condition soon becomes chronic and being an every day occurrence is given but little attention. Because Dyspepsia is not immediately fatal, many people do nothing for the trouble.

It is now well known among able physicians that the whole constitution is gradually undermined and weakened, that the nerves and vital organs are seriously affected by any form of dyspepsia. This is plain, as every organ, every nerve in the body is nourished by the blood and the blood is replenished from the food digested. If the food is properly digested the blood is pure, the nerves steady, but if supplied from a sour, fermenting, decaying mass the blood is vitiated, poisoned and the result is shown in sleeplessness, lack of energy, poor appetite, nervousness. Every trifle is magnified and the dyspeptic sees nothing but the dark side of everything.

Within a recent period a remedy has been discovered prepared solely to cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. It is known as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and it is now becoming rapidly used and prescribed as a radical cure for every form of dyspepsia.

It is not claimed to cure anything except dyspepsia and stomach weakness in its various forms, but for this it has been shown to be unequaled. The eminent specialists, Reed and O'Leary, have recently stated that they considered Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets an unfailing specific for disorders of the digestive organs, and the remarkable cures made in cases of long standing dyspepsia proves that this remedy has extraordinary merit.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have been placed before the public and are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package, and while it promptly and effectually restores a vigorous digestion, at the same time is perfectly harmless, and will not injure the most delicate stomach, but on the contrary, by giving perfect digestion, strengthens the stomach, improves the appetite and makes life worth living.

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MANAGER'S PLAN TO MAKE CONCERN PAY 50 PER CENT.

Advance Falls Heaviiy Upon Poor, Many of Whom Have Used Kerosene as Fuel Since Coal Strike Began.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Standard Oil Co., whose stockholders next Monday will receive a cash dividend of $10,000,000, has advanced the price of oil one cent a gallon to the middlemen, who, in turn, must exact an additional cent a gallon from the consumer.

The price of oil to the jobber hereafter will be 11½ cents a gallon. This is an increase of 3½ cents since the beginning of the coal strike.

The Standard Oil Co. controls over 80 per cent of all the petroleum produced in the United States.

The production of illuminating petroleum is in round numbers 1,000,000,000 gallons a years. According to these figures the revenue of the Standard Oil Co., by the advance of one cent a gallon announced on Tuesday, will be increased about $8,000,000 a year. This does not include the annual exports of petroleum, which last year amounted to 1,081,744,231 gallons.

There has been no advance on the Standard Oil product shipped to foreign countries because there is no coal strike there and because there is competition with Russian oil.

The Standard Oil Co. has been trying to develop the use of kerosene in heating and cooking stoves since the beginning of the coal strike. The increased consumption, a Standard Oil official said today, is very large.

The general impression in Wall street is that the Standard Oil Co. is trying to make its profits large enough to pay a 50 per cent dividend during the present fiscal year.

The Standard Oil Co.'s fiscal year ends in February, and not in January, as has been generally supposed. It has paid 45 per cent this year, as compared with 48 per cent last year.

With the increase the revenues will be sufficient to more than pay the additional 5 per cent required in the February dividend to bring the annual payment up to $50,000,000.

One of the retail dealers who exhibited a notice of the advance to a Post-Dispatch correspondent, begged him not to disclose his identity.

"If it were known that I gave this information to the Post-Dispatch," said the dealer, "it would put me out of the oil business. The Standard Oil Co. does not hesitate to pursue the small fry, as well as the big fellows. Every retail dealer in the country will get the notice, I presume.

"The advance falls very heavily on poor people at this time. You would be surprised to know how many people have begun using oil since the strike started. My sales of oil have increased 100 per cent. The advance of 3½ cents since last spring falls entirely upon the consumer and the Standard Oil Co. gets the sole benefit of it."

GIRL AND BUTCHER SOUGHT.

Missing Man Is Thought to Be Slightly Demented.

Friends of Minnie Helwig, a comely, dark-eyed girl 18 years old, have asked the police to help them find her.

Last Tuesday morning she left her home, 1339 South Tenth street, and has not been seen since. She is of medium height, and wore a black skirt with flannel waist with black Eton jacket and striped cap.

Gus Artz, who is thought to be slightly demented, is being sought by the police. He left his home, 2219 Washington avenue, a few days ago, and nothing has been heard of him since. He is 29 years of age, and a butcher.

War on Turkey Raffles.

Turkey raffles in saloons are the subject of a complaint made by John Hartwig, a butcher, to the North St. Louis Business Men's Association last night, with a request that action be taken to have the authorities put a stop to the practice.

Mr. Hartwig pointed out that it is a common practice, at Thanksgiving and Christmas, for the saloon men to raffle turkeys, and he called attention to the fact that a raffle is a violation of the state gambling laws.

The matter was referred to the committee on complaints to take action.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Friedman of 4449 Pine boulevard announce the engagement of their daughter, Irma, to Mr. Franklin Berwin of Boston, Mass.

The engagement of Miss Celest Albert and Mr. F. E. Hammett was announced at a luncheon given during the week.

Quite the largest and most enjoyable function given on the South Side this season was the reception Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sylvester Clark Judge on Longfellow boulevard.

The handsome home, which is very well adapted to entertaining, was handsomely decorated and brilliantly illuminated for the occasion.

The drawing room, where the receiving party stood in the bay window, was effectively done in wide spreading palms and great bunches of long-stemmed pink roses. In the corner of the room, under an arch of smilax and roses, was stationed a palmist, who read the hands of all the maids and matrons.

The reception hall and stairways were a mass of trailing vines and clusters of rich-hued American beauty roses graced the newell posts.

The Turkish den, where the orchestra was stationed, was done in pink and white chrysanthemums.

The hostess, in an imported gown of pale blue and lace, was assisted by Miss Judge and Miss Gay McIlvaine.

The hours were from 4 to 6 o'clock, and during that time about 300 handsomely gowned women were entertained.

Mrs. Charles Gildehaus and Mrs. Ben McIlvaine were in handsome afternoon toilets and without hats.

In the dining-room the table decorations were Nile green and white, great quantities of snow-white chrysanthemums, roses and wisteria being used.

Mr. Charles M. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Parker, of Westminster place, was married Thursday afternoon to Miss Margaret Whittemore of Peoria, Ill.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents in Peoria. The bride and bridegroom departed later in the evening for the East, whence they will sail for Berlin to make their future home.

A musicale was given by Miss Alma Fricke at her residence, 3852 Indiana avenue, Thursday evening. There were present:

Misses—	Misses—
Carrie Sanders,	Laura Brown,
Lottie Belser,	Elsie Guth,
Laura Belser,	Alma Fricke,
Hattie Gerbinner,	Lulu Fricke,
Clara Brown,	Ida Fricke.
Messrs.—	Messrs.—
Wm. Brown,	Robt. Altschue,
Moss,	Will Altschue,
Lang,	Harry Fricke.

Miss May Goldman entertained the Friday Musicale Club at her beautiful home, 9 Hortense place, Thursday evening. This is one of the oldest musical cubs in St. Louis, having been organized 20 years ago by Mrs. Joseph Glaser.

A delightful program was given by the active members. The whole house was thrown open and lavishly decorated with palms and chrysanthemums of varied colors and the chandeliers were showered with greens and the broad doorways and windows were garlanded in trailing smilax.

Mr. J. D. Goldman assisted his charming young daughter in receiving her guests.

Mrs. Ossian Hargraves Williams of Midland, Tex., is the guest of her parents, Col. and Mrs. E. B. Overstreet of West Morgan street.

Mrs. A. H. Bryant and son departed during the past week for southern California, where they will spend the remaining winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bleelock and Mrs. J. H. Weston have given up their home on Westminster place and taken possession of their new home on Belt avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Greensfelder of Clayton, Mo., are at the Hotel Beers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Francis of 3855 Washington boulevard have returned from Texas.

Posted on Dec. 31, 1896, to an address at Gibraltar, a letter has only just been returned to the sender in England through the dead letter office.

$1 THEFT; JAIL FOR 5 YEARS

William Shelton, Who Robbed Woman on Street, Sentenced by Judge Douglas.

For robbing a woman of one silver dollar, William Shelton was sentenced today by Judge Douglas to serve five years in the penitentiary.

The prisoner was convicted of robbing Mrs. Lizzie Merrine of 2828 Easton avenue, the night of July 17, on the street. The charge was highway robbery.

TWO STAKES TO BE RUN.

Draw for Sunday's Coursing to Take Place Tonight.

The draw for Sunday's coursing events will take place tonight at De Hodiamont. Two stakes are down for final decision, one the conclusion of the Sapling stake, begun last Sunday, the other a 24 all-aged dog stake.

Some of the best local performers are expected to draw in for the latter event at tonight's meeting.

A Guarantee That Means Something

We want our customers to hold us strictly to our promise of "Money's Worth or Money Back." That is a statement we make daily in all sincerity, and anyone who has ever failed to get complete satisfaction here since the day we opened our doors, will confer a favor by giving us the opportunity to show that this store keeps its word.



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Here are two of our remarkable values in Men's Suits and Overcoats—there are others up to $30 for suits and $40 for overcoats.

Men's Suits in plain and fancy Scotches and cassimeres, meltons and worsteds, in black and mixtures, single or double breasted, cut in the latest style, trimmed and tailored far better than the average; a grand value at..... **$9.75**

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A beautiful line of Men's Suits in Black Unfinished Worsteds, Black Belgian Thibets, Black Cheviots, Tweeds, Fancy Cassimeres and the popular Scotch Mixtures—every suit new this season, tailored remarkably well, coats lined with all-wool serge, with wide shoulders and interlined front, single or double breasted styles, in sizes for regular, stout, slim or extra big men—a grand value at..... **$11.50**

Overcoats in Black or Oxford Overcoating, Kerseys and Vicunas; they are cut full back and in medium or full lengths, have fine velvet collar, side or regular pockets, lined with all-wool serge or triple warp Italian Cloth, seams sewed with silk, and the workmanship first-class throughout—a better coat than you ever bought before at the price—Choice of these Suits and Overcoats.. **$11.50**

Young Men's Suits and Overcoats.

In our big new stock of Young Men's Clothing there's no one grade that gains more favor than the $9.75 Suits and Overcoats. And it's not the price that appeals so strongly as the wonderful values we give.

In Overcoats we show the always popular Oxfords and Blocks, in Friezes, Kerseys and other well-known overcoatings, made up in long and medium lengths, with full back, regular or side pockets, lined with all-wool serge, and trimmed and tailored far better than usual with such priced coats.

In the suits there are black Thibets, Cheviots and Vicunas, and the various fancy Scotches, in very handsome mixtures, either single or double-breasted styles, made up extra well, with all the style and finish of Men's Suits.

Our patrons have choice of an immense stock of these Suits and Overcoats in sizes 14 to 20 years at..... **$9.75**

When You Make Up Your List of Christmas Presents

Remember this store contains thousands of the useful kind for men and boys, excelling in worthfulness and most attractive in price.

We're headquarters for the Sweet, Orr & Co. Union-Made Overclothes for workingmen, which carry the strongest guarantee ever offered—"a new garment if a button comes off, or a seam rips."

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The Christmas Number of the Sunday Post-Dispatch

To Be Issued December 14—Next Sunday!

The Christmas Number of the Sunday Post-Dispatch is coming out December 14. It will be magnificent, dignified and beautiful beyond anything of the kind ever before published in St. Louis. It will contain eight pages in colors. One of these will illustrate the Roly Polys' Christmas. Another will illustrate "The Night Before Christmas," the only Christmas classic ever written.

No St. Louis child's Christmas will be complete without these two delightful poems and pictures.

Another of these color pages will present the Colonna Raphael. It is a madonna and child, painted by the old master in 1505.

Four color pages will be devoted to the Funny Side of Christmas.

Great men and great women, gifted American story writers and prominent women of St. Louis will be contributors to this Christmas number of the Sunday Post-Dispatch. Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant will tell of her Christmas in China. Mrs. Jefferson Davis writes of a Southern Christmas. Maj.-Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., tells how the U. S. Army spends Christmas in the Philippines.

Sixteen beautifully illustrated pages of Christmas stories.

Contributors:

Mrs. U. S. Grant
"My Christmas in China."

Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee
"Christmas With the U. S. Army in the Philippines."

Mrs. John A. Ockerson
Of St. Louis.

John R. Spears
"The Strange Christmas of An Old Salt."
"A True Story of Two Christmases."

John Mitchell
"A Mine Boy's Christmas."

Clara Morris
"An Actress' Christmas."

The Roly Polys' Christmas
A Color Page for the Children

Contributors:

Mrs. Jefferson Davis
"Christmas in the Old South."

Archbishop John Ireland
"The Significance of Christmas."

Mrs. Florence M. Laflin
Of St. Louis.
"A Stocking on a String."

Cy Warman
"A Railroad Man's Christmas."

Alfred Henry Lewis
"That Wolfville Christmas."

A Beautiful and Famous Picture,
"Madame Le Brun and Child"
In Eleven Colors,
Given Away With the Xmas Number.

To Be Issued December 14—Next Sunday!

The Colonna Madonna and Child."
Poses by Modern Artists. Printed in Colors in the Christmas Section.

"The Night Before Christmas,"
Greatest of All Xmas Poems, Illustrated in Colors for the Children.

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MOTHER WILL BE TRUSTEE UNTIL SHE ATTAINS MAJORITY.

If Millionaire's Health Permits, Little Hostess Will Give Elaborate Christmas Reception to Show Gift to Her Friends.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Andrew Carnegie slept last night as a tenant in the $2,500,000 house of his baby girl.

After a trip as rough as any the Oceanic has ever made, she arrived a day late, with Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Carnegie and Miss Margaret Carnegie among her passengers.

Little Miss Carnegie entered her new house with all the air of a proprietress.

Until the arrival of the family the doors of the splendid mansion had not turned on their hinges for guests.

The home coming was exceedingly simple. The house staff gathered on the steps leading from the entrance to the magnificent hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie and Margaret smiled with pleasure to see the familiar faces in the new surroundings.

To make the child more at home the pictures had been arranged as much as possible as in the old house.

The family went direct to the private apartments on the second floor, where Miss Margaret was overjoyed to find all her old friends, her dolls, doing well. It was a quiet home-coming, and a happy one.

The elders expressed their pleasure in entering the new home, which has engaged the attention of Mrs. Carnegie for four years.

HOSTESS AT RECEPTION.

If Mr. Carnegie's health permits the original program for Christmas will be carried out and Miss Margaret will be the hostess of the happy occasion. In any event, she will be the real owner of the house, the construction of which has been carried on with an eye single to her happiness.

Until she reaches an age when she can appreciate the gift the house will be in the hands of her mother.

There seemed to be only one cloud to mar the cheerfulness of Mr. Carnegie's home-coming. He said:

"I inquired the first thing, 'How is Tom Reed,' and here is poor Reed dead and buried. He was taken just as I was, but my system threw it off. I did not have to undergo an operation."

"The sea has worked the cure.

"'You let me go on the sea,' I said to my doctors. I have never seen an illness which the sea would not cure. This is a good ship. We never had one uncomfortable moment. I am very well now. I never felt better.

"There was not a nobler man than Tom Reed. I had known him all my life. I knew him when he was a young man and when he was a boy with Blaine."

In discussing national affairs Mr. Carnegie expressed these views:

"I think that the President is exactly right on the trusts. He goes neither to one extreme nor to the other.

HIS VIEWS ON TRUSTS.

"'The golden mean is the path of wisdom,' said Confucius. Trusts cannot entail any permanent injury upon the country. America is in a transitional period. Great aggregations of capital are necessary now. They are the creations of the nation. The government can regulate them, spank the bad ones and pat the good ones on the back.

"All trusts are not bad.

"All trusts are not good.

"We must discriminate.

"I read Attorney-General Knox's speech on trusts. I think it admirable, sound, conservative. I think Attorney-General Knox has found existing laws which will correct existing abuses.

"For example, when they tried to get up a coal monopoly in Pennsylvania, the law shut down on it. And, again, when they tried in the West to buy up all the grain, the law got after them. It is not the part of wisdom to hurry matters, let us examine the trusts before we condemn them.

"I think very well of the President's suggestion that a minister of commerce be appointed. Foreign commerce is a braggart. Regulation of home commerce is much more important. Foreign commerce is trifling in amount. America consumes 96 per cent of her home products. It is not 10 per cent that goes abroad. Two persons are advantaged by exchange. You send anything abroad and one person advantaged is an American, the other a foreigner. You sell at home and both persons advantaged are Americans."

When told of Lewis Nixon's remark at the meeting of the Civic Federation that Andrew Carnegie could do more good by reducing hours and increasing wages than by founding libraries, Mr. Carnegie replied: "Lewis Nixon is a nice fellow, but you know I am out of business."

RETAIL DRUGGISTS' BALL.

500 Persons Attended Annual Dance at Liederkranz Hall.

The Retail Druggists' Association gave a ball at Liederkranz hall, Thirteenth and Chouteau avenue, last night, and about 500 persons attended. It was pronounced the most enjoyable and successful ever given by the organization.

The dance program consisted of 21 numbers. An orchestra rendered the music. The grand march, which excited much applause, was led by Mrs. S. J. Keiffer and Adolph Scheu. A light supper was served shortly before midnight.

The chairman of the committees having charge of the affair are as follows: E. A. Bernius, floor; J. A. Weipert, reception; Charles Renner, welcome. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Keiffer, Earl Cook, F. H. Fricke, Charles Renner, Theodore Hagenow, John Weipert and E. S. Wolff.

Misses Lillie Bockstruck, Ella Nepper, Lillie Angermueller, Alice Murphy, Anne Bockstruck, Eloise Veasey, Lucille Konze, Lillie Zwarts, May Swarts, L. Reilley, M. Vandevanter, Lauretta Horan, A. Carey, G. Matthews and T. Seance.

Messrs. M. C. Kalls, John Davis, John Maller, Dr. F. Bartel, Morton Nall, A. F. Schroeder and Charles W. Hahn.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates Via Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron Mountain Route.

Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, with final return limit of all tickets to and including Jan. 2, 1903. See city ticket agent for further information.

Spoke for Garnishment Law.

Addresses urging the passage of the garnishment law were delivered before the North St. Louis Business Men's Association last evening in North St. Louis Turner Hall, Twentieth and Salisbury streets. There was a large attendance at the meeting. The bill will be introduced during the next session of the legislature.

One hundred dollars was appropriated last evening to aid in getting the bill passed and Jan. 21 there will be a ball at Social Turner Hall, Thirteenth and Monroe streets, the proceeds of which will be devoted to getting the bill passed if the money is needed.

A number of new members were admitted to the association.

The Vital Health Principle.

"Orangeine" Powders instantly correct incipient ailment, normally stimulate, build ...

MISS BATEMAN SUED AGAIN

Harry Mestayer Begins Second Proceeding for Divorce From the Actress, Naming a Co-Respondent.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Victory Bateman, an actress, who was formely in a St. Louis stock company, is being sued for an absolute divorce by Harry Mestayer. Mr. Totten is named as co-respondent.

It is understood that Miss Bateman stoutly denies the charges.

Married life has not gone pleasantly for these theatrical persons from the first. They were wedded in January, 1900, and three months later, Mrs. Mestayer charged her husband with abandoning her for a vaudeville actress. In August, 1901, Mr. Mestayer began proceedings for a divorce, but they were dropped.

Victory Bateman is the daughter of Lizzie Creeze. Her father was a famus London comedian. She married and was divorced from Wilfred Clarke, a nephew of Edwin Booth. In 1898, while playing in "Cy ano de Bergarac," she was stricken with nervous prostration.

For a time she was in an insane pavilion. This breakdown was the direct result of too strenuous work.

It was said at the time that she had committed to memory 140,000 words in the roles which she had played.

Miss Bateman was named as co-respondent in the Aubrey Boucicault divorce suit, but she proved her innocence of the allegations. The case resulted in her resigning from the Professional Woman's League.

Miss Bateman is famous among other things, for possessing one of the finest doll collections in the United States.

OHIO SOCIETY BANQUET.

Natives of Buckeye State Will Feast at Mercantile Club.

The annual meeting of the Ohio Socity of St. Louis for election of officers, will be held at the Mercantile Club, Saturday evening Dec. 20, at 8 o'clock.

After the business of the evening there will be refreshments, cigars and a social session.

Dr. Albert Merrell is president, John E. Cartwright, secretary, and the committee on arrangements consists of Charles R. Blake, Edwin Batdorf and E. M. Woolley.

WINDFALL PUT TO GOOD USE

Robert McFadden Gave Money Received as Reward to Festival Fund.

Robert McFadden, of 1103 Armstrong avenue today contributed $1.25 to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund. The money came to Mr. McFadden as a reward for returning a valuable diamond breastpin which he found.

Dec. 3 he read in the Post-Dispatch this advertisement: "Lost, round pin, five stones, set with pearls; reward liberal, L. E. Oakley, 2417 Thrush street."

The day before, at Eighth and Locust streets, Mr. McFadden had picked up a pin answering that description. He had been watching the "lost" column to find the owner's advertisement.

He took the pin to the Thrush street address where Mrs. L. E. Oakley identified it, saying it was worth $3.75. Mrs. Oakley gave the finder $1.25, which he contributed to the Christmas Festival Fund.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething cures wind colic, diarrhoea, etc

Ferguson Opposes Saloon.

Residents of Ferguson yesterday notified Judge Wilson of the county court that they would file a remonstrance against the granting of a saloon license to William Sewing.

Sewing wishes to establish a dramshop on the Florissant road just outside the town.

CARONDELET FURNACE SOLD.

Future of the Jupiter Is Left in Some Doubt.

James Green, president of the Laclede Fire Brick Co., has sold the Jupiter blast furnace at the foot of Davis street in Carondelet to J. W. Elliott, Jr., president of the Southern Car and Foundry Co., Birmingham, Ala. The terms of the sale have not been made public.

The furnace is in a fair state of repair and may be operated at an early date. The Jupiter furnace was built 30 years ago, but was not blown in until 1880. Since then it has been used at intervals. It is one of the landmarks of Carondelet, and has an annual capacity of 33,000 tons of pig-iron. It is possible that the furnace may be dismantled and the machinery shipped South.

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We own 34 Retail Stores.
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Credit that is Liberal, Convenient, Honest. Credit that doesn't make you pay extra for the accommodation. Credit without security, without red tape.

Helpful Store for Christmas Buyers

The advantage of having a charge account at this Store becomes doubly apparent as Christmas draws near. First: You want yourself and family to be comfortably and stylishly clad. Second: You want to give to each member of your family a Christmas gift. You can buy everything here if you choose—have it charged and pay conveniently. **We sell Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Umbrellas and Underwear for Women, Men and Children.**

Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas.

Sale of Working Pants
Monday next we shall sell 100 pairs of men's working pants. Every clothier's price is 75 cents. Our price for Monday only.................. **49c**

Timely Cut-Price Sale of Ladies' Suits, Silk Waists, Millinery.

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Suits.	Suits.	Suits.	Millinery.	Waists.	Waists.	Waists.
Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits—were $15—at this Sale—	Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits—were $18—at this Sale—	Ladies' fine Tailor-Made Suits—were $20—at this Sale—	Exactly one-third off on price of every Trimmed Hat in this store during Sale.	Pretty Silk Waists were $5 At this Sale	Fine Silk Waists were $8 At this Sale	Finest Silk Waists were $10 At this Sale
$11.98	$13.48	$14.89		$2.98	$3.89	$5.48



Men's Overcoats.
No store in this city can give you better overcoat value than we. We carry a large and well-selected stock for Men and Boys. Styles are strictly proper, materials the best. Workmanship of highest character. Cash or credit.
$6.50 to $25

Monte Carlo Coats.
The reign of Monte Carlos is in full control of coat fashion. Elegance, smartness, grace, all combined in those we sell. Monte Carlos for Ladies and Misses in all lengths—made in popular materials and tailored by skillful and accurate hands.
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Norka Malted Oats is oats *crushed, malted, cooked* into an appetizing, crisp, dainty, nourishing food.
Norka Malted Oats is ready to serve just as it comes in the package.
Get our book and a package from your grocer.
Norka Malted Oats is the only grain food sealed in an air-tight, damp-proof, paraffine wrapper with patent clasp. This preserves the contents in their original purity and crispness. Norka Oats stay fresh as long as the package is unopened.
THE Norka FOOD COMPANY Ltd., BATTLE CREEK, MICH.
NORKA MALTED OATS THOROUGHLY COOKED READY TO SERVE

ROLY POLYS' TRIP WITH SANTA CLAUS

A Genuine Treat for the Boys and Girls in Next Sunday's Christmas Number of the Post-Dispatch.

SANTA himself, as you may have observed, is Roly Poly shape, "built Christmassy." Working the brake and gong of his autosleigh, in which the Roly family are embarked for their journey "Around the World With Santa Claus," he will look just like one of them, in the Christmas number of the Sunday Post-Dispatch, which is to be issued Sunday, December 14.



A CHRISTMAS ROLY POLY.

And what a trip they have! Globular globe-trotters, they meet in their flight the Dutch, Japanese, Chinese, Eskimo and Indian Rolys.

There is even a Spanish Roly—What should you suppose a Spanish Roly could possibly look like?

The Rolys' press agent, Mr. West, has anticipated our natural curiosity by furnishing accurate colored sketches of all the foreign Rolys.

The paper of many sections has advantages:

The Funny Side will stay the impatience of the least muscular child while he's waiting for the Roly book. It is to be an excellent Funny Side, with drawings by Funny Siders who care for Christmas and enter into its spirit.

The rest are ruled out for this once.

But, of course, all the old favorites do catch the spirit!

You really should see Mr. Herriman's creation concerning the small boy who wanted a Christmas drum; and the tragedy of Clarence, the Cop, who, of course, doesn't know any better than to disturb Santa Claus just when he's busiest; and the ludicrous misadventures of Chollie—or is it Gawge's turn this time?—in trying to fit a Christmas present to Miss Tootsie's desserts.

There's a lesson with a practical application in the invention of Mischievous Willie. Why didn't Edison ever think of an elastic stocking for presents, instead of fooling with electric lights and things?

Then, there are that merry pair, Acrobatic Archie and the Angel Child. Archie teaches Santa Claus to do "stunts." So does the Angel. Poor old Santa! He deteaches Santa to do "stunts." So does the Angel. Poor old Santa! He deserved better treatment!

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Business in this city. We get the custom of people who know what the "best" is and won't take anything else. It's a pretty good rule to follow the leadership of critical, discriminating people, and if you will keep an eye open you will see that this is the place where they come for their jewelry.

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The entire stock, accounts and good will of the MUELLER BRO. FURNITURE AND CARPET CO. are for sale. Give us a bid. Apply to

W. S. WITTLER, Att'y, 800 Lincoln Trust Bldg.
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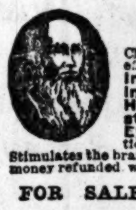
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need special care. When we hear of one in this vicinity, we wish some real friend would whisper, "Use **VINOL**." "You ought to see how baby thrives," said one delighted father, after the mother had been taking **VINOL** about ten days. Lots of our customers have proved that it's the best thing for weak women and mothers. *Money back if not satisfied.*

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REAL ESTATE MEN AT ANNUAL FEAST

123 PERSONS GATHERED AROUND BOARD AT PLANTERS'.

PRES. GIRALDIN PRESIDED

Speakers Dwelt Upon Opportunity for Municipal Growth Now Confronting St. Louis.

The Real Estate Exchange gave its annual banquet last night at the Planters' Hotel. There were 123 persons around the board, which groaned beneath the weight of many good things, and with the exception of a very few invited guests all of these men represented the real estate interests of St. Louis.

The banquet was essentially one of good cheer and pleasure, but the addresses of the speakers, while light and unencumbersome, were highly flavored with business. It was the consensus of opinion that now is the time for St. Louis to put forth a burst of speed as regards its municipal growth, and that never before has such an opportunity occurred, and possibly never will it occur again.

All the speeches were along this strain. Several had come prepared with the sparkling, after-dinner talks that usually prevail on such occasions, but they either forgot or discarded their memorized words in the interest the subject aroused, and one and all plunged into the theme of the needs and possibilities of the city wherein realty agents were the prime factors.

President Giraldin Presided.

President William A. Giraldin presided through the serving of the elaborate dinner, and in his introductory address reviewed the history and aims of the Exchange and then touched upon the chord which was kept in vibration throughout the remainder of the evening. After the dinner, he delegated the duties of toastmaster to Frederick W. Mott, who introduced the following speakers:

George A. H. Mills of the St. Louis Trust Co., Frederick W. Lehman, Isaac H. Lionberger, who drafted the present rules of the Exchange, Mayor M. M. Stephens of East St. Louis and John Schroers. A. R. Schollmeyer announced that Mayor Rolla Wells regretted being unable to be present and presented the freedom of the city to the Exchange.

The speeches were crisp, interesting and earnestly delivered, and during the intervals between them music was furnished by the Knickerbocker or Exchange Quartet, Joseph A. Buse, tenor, and Sidney Schiele, violinist. They were heartily applauded.

Guests of the Banquet.

Those present were:

E. J. Altheimer,	Bernard G. Farrar,
Charles H. Anderson,	Thomas L. Fekete,
Lorenz E. Anderson,	Edwin S. Fish,
F. A. Banister,	S. J. Fisher,
C. W. Barnes,	James E. Fogg,
Henry E. Bartling,	Joseph M. Franciscus,
E. H. Benoist,	A. H. Frederick,
Benjamin Berger,	August Gehner,
William E. Berger,	Thomas S. Gerhart,
James P. Blake,	Charles E. Giraldin,
John S. Blake,	Wm. A. Giraldin,
Albert G. Blanke,	Francis X. Green,
R. A. Boyle,	John Greenbough,
Edgar S. Bowman,	Edw. W. Greer,
Martin S. Brennan,	Frank X. Groschan,
John Bull,	Odon Guitar, Jr.,
Joseph Buse,	J. B. Greensfelder,
W. E. Caulfield,	Harry H. Haeussler,
James Carpenter,	Herman A. Haeussler,
John S. Carter,	John C. Hall,
J. M. Cates,	Charles Hamilton,
John H. Cavender,	H. L. Haydel,
M. R. Collins, Jr.,	John M. Hertel,
H. L. Cornet,	W. F. Homes,
C. C. Crone,	Anthony Hruska,
Ed C. Crone,	Wm. J. Hruska,
Charles J. Daly,	[illegible]
Joseph M. Donovan,	L. B. Jones,
Joseph Dormitzer,	Wm. P. Kearney,
George A. Duff,	R. F. Kilgen,
F. H. Kreisman,	
H. H. Laumeier,	Russell A. Richardson,
David P. Leahy,	John M. Reilley,
F. W. Lehmann,	James M. Rohan,
J. M. Levi,	E. C. Rowse,
I. H. Lionberger,	A. O. Rule,
Walter Louden,	William A. Rutledge,
Maj. Lowenstein,	W. Flewellyn Saunders,
O. J. McCawley,	Edward Schiele,
Jesse A. McDonald,	Sidney Schiele,
C. H. McMillan,	A. R. Schollmeyer,
Malcolm Macbeth,	Raymond [illegible] Scott,
Jas. H. Maguire,	Oreon E. Scott,
A. M. Meints,	John Schroers,
Ed J. Methudo,	C. M. Selph,
T. B. Miller,	H. D. Sexton,
Geo. A. H. Mills,	Fred G. Smith,
Berry Moore,	M. M. Stephens,
J. B. Moberly,	H. H. Stewart,
F. W. Mott,	Albert T. Terry,
O. F. A. Mueller,	Arthur L. Thompson,
Fred E. Murphy,	Louis H. Tontrup,
Charles O. Nicholls,	N. Lee Travers,
Gus W. Nieman,	C. Hunt Turner,
Philip S. Noble,	J. N. Verdin,
Gerald B. O'Reilly,	Charles F. Vogel,
Frank S. Parker,	Festus J. Wade,
P. H. Pierce,	John A. Watkins,
John J. Pierron,	Joseph P. Whyte,
John A. Peck,	George A. C. Woolley,
Walter Ehrler,	Charles O. Wycoff.
F. G. Zelbig.	

BOY TRAMP'S STORY FALSE.

Parents of Missing Arthur Lorenzen Were Disappointed.

By the tale told by a boy who applied for food, the parents of Arthur Lorenzen were made to believe that their son, who has been missing for some time, was at the Christian Orphans' Home, Aubert avenue and Suburban track.

The mother of the missing lad bought him a new suit of clothes and hurried to the home, demanding her son, but the boy who was brought before her as the new arrival was not Arthur Lorenzen, and she returned to her home sorely disappointed.

Edward Bohn, an office boy, working at 507 Bank of Commerce building, said that a lad had called at his home and asked for food, and that when his hunger was relieved, he said his name was Arthur Lorenzen. He was directed to the home, but when he was admitted to that institution he gave his name as Arthur Reed, and said he was from Mount Pleasant, Mo.

There are no indications of the whereabouts of the Lorenzen boy.

NO TRUCE WITH SHORTS.

Thomas A. Cleage Has Refused Their Offers for Settlement.

Thomas A. Cleage's refusals to allow traders who are short in December corn to settle at the prices they have named has created the impression that the "corn king" may insist upon the actual delivery of all the corn he has bought at the market price. Several brokers who are on the wrong side of the market made an attempt to get Cleage to allow them to settle, but none were successful.

A committee from the Merchant's Exchange is inspecting the corn in elevators. Cleage insists that much of it is not up to grade, and the inspection was made because of protests by his agents. If the corn is found below grade the situation will be more stringent than ever for persons who are short.

MONTANA WANTS PRESIDENT.

Will Guarantee Fine Bear Shooting If He Will Go.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Montana now wants to be included in the President's bear hunting itinerary next spring.

Former Senator Thomas H. Carter told the President today that in the hills of Montana the bears come up to the back doors for the scraps that are thrown out, and said Mr. Roosevelt could lie in wait for them in the woodshed and pump them full of lead.

The President didn't relish the flip at his prowess with the rifle and said he would rather hunt them in the mountains. [illegible] to remember Montana when he [illegible]

Fire Drove Out Four Families.

The tenement house at 805 Allen avenue, occupied by the families of Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mrs. Kate Huesner, Mrs. Anna Kuhl and Mrs. Amelia Langer, was almost destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The damage to the contents is estimated at $1300 and to the building $1500.

James J. O'Toole of 1015 South Eighth street saw the blaze first and sounded an alarm, but before the department could arrive the flames had spread greatly. The women, assisted by their neighbors, fought the fire valiantly and succeeded in carrying out a great quantity of household goods.

The irrigated area of the United States is 7,510,598 acres, of which Colorado contains 1,611,271 and California 1,446,119.

Ladies' Sodality Elects Officers.—The annual election of officers, at the last meeting of the St. Alphonsus Church Young Ladies' Sodality, resulted as follows: Mamie Lyons, president; Emma Bauer, vice-president; Eva Delaney, secretary; Elizabeth Crabb, treasurer; Susie Lancaster, librarian; Annie Ausbro and Emily Kelly, assistant librarians; Kate Cooney, Agnes Scott, Margaret Clarkson and Mary Devoy, directors; Jessie Crabb, historian; Tessie McNamara and Fannie Connors, sacristans; Ella Bauer, organist; Delia Scrraghan, banner bearer; Mamie Harrison and Josephine Gratian, ribbon bearers.

One-half a chrysanthemum plucked at Wallsend, Northumberland, is pure white, the other half being of a heliotrope shade.

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Open Saturday Nights Until 10 O'Clock

$4.85 Isidor Kaufman's Men's $10 Suits
$7.35 Isidor Kaufman's Men's $12 Suits
$9.65 Isidor Kaufman's Men's $15 Suits
$11.50 Isidor Kaufman's Men's $18 Suits

These suits are made of strictly all-wool cassimere, fancy unfinished worsted and stylish Scotch cheviot. They come either single or double breasted. Elegantly made with a good Italian serge lining; rare values.

$3.85 for Young Men's $7.50 Overcoats.
$7.45 for Young Men's $12.50 Overcoats.
Young Men's Overcoats, made of handsome gray vicunas, cheviots and blue and black kerseys; this season's newest styles; all very long.

$4.95 for Young Men's $8.50 Suits.
$7.35 for Young Men's $12.50 Suits.
Young Men's Suits, all-wool cheviots, plain and fancy patterns, single or double breasted and the new military cut, sizes 14 to 20.

10c for a Button; $1 for a Rip
We carry a complete stock of the celebrated Duchess Pants; all the latest and nobbiest effects—we have them from $6.45 down to $2.95

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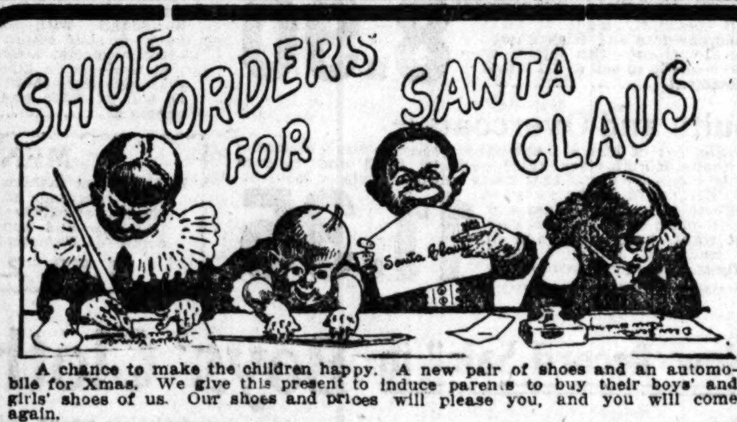
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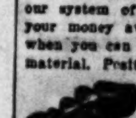
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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Colonial Trust Co. will be held at the office of the company, at the northeast corner of Broadway and Locust streets, in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday, the 18th day of December, 1902, convening at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. and closing at 12 m. on that day, for the purpose of electing eleven directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before said meeting.
CLARK H. SAMPSON, President.
J. [illegible] MITCHELL, Secretary.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. [illegible], 1902.

QUICK MEAL STEEL RANGES
RINGEN STOVE CO.

SUICIDE AROUSED SLEEPERS.

James Bishop Swallowed Morphine and Died Soon After.

James Bishop of 220 South Fourth street died at the City Hospital last night from the effects of a large quantity of morphine which he took some time during the night. His loud breathing aroused persons sleeping close to his room. Physicians were summoned and he was hurried to the hospital, but he was too far gone to be resuscitated. He was a young man, and for some days past had seemed exceedingly despondent.

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Sweaters	1.50	to	6.00
Striking Bags	1.00	to	3.00
Footballs	.50	to	5.00
Tennis Rackets	.85	to	6.00
Hendrickson's Exercisers	.25	to	3.50
Crawford Bicycles	15.00	to	20.00
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WHAT A PROMINENT MAN SAYS.

D. I. Bushnell & Co., St. Louis, Feb. 11, 1902

Hemline Chemical Co., St. Louis: In my opinion Hemoline is an excellent article for the cure of rheumatism and kindred ills. I am well acquainted with its merits, and have often induced my friends to use it, with the result it never failed to give entire satisfaction. Yours truly, D. I. BUSHNELL.

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ECLIPSE CHEMICAL CO., 815 N. Main St., St. Louis, Mo.

General Household Remedy. Apply for sample and stickers.

MISSING MAN ADJUDGED DEAD

Mrs. Keech Can Collect Husband's Insurance.

VERDICT FOR FULL AMOUNT

INDICATIONS POINT TO ROBBERY AND MURDER.

Prosperous Butcher Disappeared Seven Years Ago in Company of Desperate Men, Who Have Not Since Been Seen.

James Keech was adjudged legally dead in Judge Ferriss' division of the Circuit Court Thursday.

Seven years have elapsed since he mysteriously disappeared, and as there has been no explanation of his disappearance and no tidings of the missing man, a jury declared him dead to all intents of the law, and awarded his widow the amount of an insurance policy for $2110, which he carried in the benefit organization of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The solution of Keech's fate has baffled the police for eight years. He was a blacksmith by trade and lived at 3411 Montana avenue. He owned his own home, but it bore an encumbrance in the shape of a small mortgage.

In the fall of 1894 Keech embarked in the butcher business at 2603 Gamble street, and appeared to be doing well in his new vocation. He was a man of social habits, and became a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

His disappearance dates from Dec. 4, 1894. On the morning of that day he mounted his wagon to fill some orders of customers. There was nothing unusual in his manner, and the impression of his partner was that he would return as soon as his orders were delivered.

He was last seen at Tenth and Morgan streets, where he delivered meat to a saloonkeeper.

LEFT WITH EX-CONVICT.

From this point the police traced him to a saloon at Fourth street and Lucas avenue, where he was said to have been in company with an ex-convict and a man with whom he had had business.

There the trail was lost, and the mystery is as dense as if he had been translated to another planet. The same day his horses and wagon were found without a driver.

Keech had $700 in cash, valuable notes and a copy of the mortgage on his residence property in his possession the day of his disappearance. Several days later Mrs. Keech received the papers by mail. The name of one of the men said to have been with her husband last was written on the return address portion of the envelope. The number to which the letter was to be returned in event of the non-delivery to Mrs. Keech was 905 North Eighteenth street. The police followed this clew, but found neither of the men.

A negro porter in the Lucas avenue saloon threw some light on the puzzle. He told the detectives that Keech had been drinking to excess, that his companions placed him in the wagon in a stupefied condition, and started the horses towards the river.

BELIEVES CRIME WAS COMMITTED.

After exhausting every known method to prove him alive or dead his wife availed herself of the statute which presumes death after unexplained absence of seven years. She brought suit in the Circuit Court as the beneficiary of the insurance policy he carried with the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

She testified at the trial yesterday that she was fully convinced that her husband had been foully murdered. There was no reason for his disappearance. His domestic relations were pleasant. His half interest in the Gamble street meat market was a profitable one. Had he intended to desert her he would first have sought to dispose of his property.

Other witnesses, including George Richmond, a friend of Keech, stated that it was their belief that Keech was murdered.

Mrs. Keech's attorney, J. Carter Castena, showed that she had paid dues on her husband's policy until Feb. 1, 1896, and would have continued to do so had not the order refused to accept further payments.

Roman Catholics

Are becoming alive to the fact that the most desirable Xmas Gifts, at the lowest prices, are obtainable at McKeown Bros., 617 North Sixth street. Prayer Books 10 cents and up. Mother of Pearl Rosaries 25 cents. Silver Chain Cut Stone Rosaries, special, 95 cents. Books by the best Catholic authors. Statuary, medallions, pictures and frames. Knight of Columbus Badges.

POSTAL CLERKS' OFFICERS.

M. A. Desmond President of Mutual Aid Organization.

At the annual meeting of the Postoffice Clerks' Mutual Aid Association, Dec. 7, the following officers were elected: Martin A. Desmond, president; T. B. Harrison, vice-president; Walter Johnson, treasurer, and Samuel Kober, secretary.

This association was incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri May 21, 1891. The membership was very small in the beginning. At present there are 360 members.

The object of the organization is to furnish aid to clerks who are disabled on account of accident or illness. In case of death it also allows the beneficiary a goodly sum of money. The dues are but 25 cents a month, and the benefits are large in proportion to the costs. Entertainments are given in the reading room of the postoffice from time to time for the members their families and friends.

Snow Coming.

Get ready—$4.85 and $9.65 buys men's $10 and $15 overcoats. Globe, Seventh and Franklin.

MANY WOULD HANDLE MAIL.

Archibald Carr and F. L. Ridgely Out for Postmastership.

Archibald Carr, defeated Republican candidate for clerk of the Circuit Court, has announced his candidacy for the postmastership.

The name of Franklin L. Ridgely, park commissioner, is mentioned in the same connection. Mr. Ridgely will not discuss his chances for the position.

It is stated that Mr. Ridgely is related to Comptroller of the Currency W. B. Ridgely and that "that would help some" if he made a campaign for the office, but Mr. Ridgely says family affairs have recently taken up his time, to the exclusion of political matters.

SCHNETTLER MUST SERVE FOUR YEARS

JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY ON BRIBERY CHARGE.

DELIBERATED 35 MINUTES

Was Unanimous on Question of Guilt, but Delayed on Question of Penalty.

As announced in the late editions of Thursday's Post-Dispatch, John H. Schnettler was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by a jury in Judge Douglas' court yesterday afternoon.

Schnettler was one of the House of Delegate combine, and was convicted of perjury in connection with the Suburban bribery deal.

The jury was out 35 minutes. It was unanimous on the question of guilt from the start, but deliberated on the extent of the penalty.

After the filing of Schnettler's application for a new trial, Judge Douglas fixed his bond at $10,000. Security was furnished by Peter Wagner and Herman Groepper. The amount of the bond was $5000 less than before conviction. He is under $30,000 bond on two other boodle charges.

Walter Utescher Missing.—The parents of Walter A. Utescher report he is missing from his home, 2638 Cherokee street. He is 14 years of age, and has been gone since Dec. 5.

MYSTERY IN THIS WAITER'S DEATH

NEGRO EMPLOYE OF UNION CLUB FOUND IN LIGHT SHAFT.

HIS HEAD AT THE BOTTOM

Coroner Will Hold an Investigation to Determine the Cause of the Fatality.

Charles Patton, a negro waiter at the Union Club, was found dead at 7 o'clock this morning with his head at the bottom and one foot protruding from the top of a five-foot light shaft close to the side of the residence 1810 South Jefferson avenue, where he made his home.

He was fully dressed in an overcoat and a dress suit, and his watch and some money were in his pockets.

The discovery of Patton's body was made by the first person to leave the house this morning. He hurriedly summoned Dr. M. G. Hatcher of 1833 South Jefferson avenue. Together they pulled the limp form of the waiter from the hole.

The body was still warm, Dr. Hatcher said, but the heart had ceased beating.

Dr. Hatcher told the Post-Dispatch that appearances indicated that Patton was ill as he approached his home, and, in stumbling along in his weakened condition, fell into the hole.

He did not examine the body to ascertain what injuries had caused death, but said Patton's neck was probably broken.

The coroner will hold an inquest to determine if possible the manner of the death.

Patton was 35 years of age and had been employed at the Union Club for ten years. Persons who knew him said he was highly regarded by the members of the club.

He was unmarried and not known to have any relatives. He had boarded at 1811 South Jefferson avenue with a negro family for ten years and was well thought of in that neighborhood.

The light shaft in which he met death is about five feet and four inches in diameter. It opens alongside a passageway adjoining the house.

MILK LAW HAS DEFECTS.

Dairymen Are Protected at Expense of Vendors.

Under the new milk inspection law Dr. H. N. Chapman, a member of the Board of Health, believes it is possible for dairymen to impose with impunity upon the vendors of milk, by giving them impure milk, for selling which the vendors can be prosecuted.

Dr. Merrell suggested that dairymen should issue certificates of guaranty with all the milk they sell to vendors.

City Chemist Teichmann agreed with Drs. Chapman and Merrell. Dr. Starkloff has asked the city counselor for an opinion as to the validity of the law.

Answering a complain that he had not analyzed certain samples of well water, Dr. Teichmann explained that since the establishment of the milk inspection department he had been overwhelmed with work from that source. He said he would analyze the well water as soon as possible.

Advertising Club to Meet.

A meeting of advertising men will be held at the St. Nicholas Hotel Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13, in order to perfect the organization of the St. Louis Advertising Men's Club. This meeting is the outgrowth of one held two weeks ago when it was practically decided to organize an advertising men's association. Committees have been at work since the last meeting drawing up constitution and by-laws which will be adopted at the meeting Saturday. A large attendance of prominent advertising men is expected.

ELECTION FRAUDS AND CAR KILLINGS

GRANDJURY HAS TAKEN UP BOTH SUBJECTS.

KELLY ONCE MORE A WITNESS

Mr. Folk Will Try to Learn Where He Got Money for His European Jaunt.

The investigation into election frauds was taken up today by the December grandjury where the October body left off. Charles F. Kelly will also appear again, Circuit Attorney Folk having subpenaed him as a witness.

The election fraud investigation will be confined for the present to the wards in the Twelfth congressional district and to the alleged illegal voting, false registration and misconduct of the judges and clerks of the Twenty-second ward.

The fact that Kelly has again been summoned before the grandjury is taken in some quarters to mean that Mr. Folk has found some way by which he can evade the statute of limitations and that he will make an earnest endeavor to entrap the bribe-givers in the lighting bill deal.

The grandjury would like to know also who it was that gave Kelly the money to defray the expenses of his European jaunt and who connived at his escape from the officers who were after him at the time of the wholesale issuance of bench warrants.

The inquiry into the death of James B. Hill, who was killed by a street car at Leffingwell and Washington avenues last Saturday, has not been completed, and it is possible that the grandjury will interrogate transit company officials.

TO HOUSE ANCIENT RELICS.

Missouri Historical Society May Build Fireproof Structure.

The Missouri Historical Society is considering a plan for the erection of a fireproof structure in which to safely house the valuable collection of antiques now in its keeping. Capt. Joseph Boyce suggested at last night's meeting that the officers to be elected in January take up the matter.

A feature of last night's meeting of the society was an illustrated talk on "Cliff Dwellings and Pueblo Ruins of Southwestern United States" by Clark McAdams. Mr. McAdams spent a month exploring these ruins last summer, taking a large number of photographs.

His familiarity with the subject and the effective illustrations he used made his paper particularly attractive.

Change of Schedule.

Commencing Sunday, Dec. 14, Southern Railway train No. 3 will leave St. Louis at 8:04 a. m., instead of 7:40 a. m. No. 1 will leave at 10:04 p. m., instead of 9:18 p. m.

TOO FRIGHTENED TO SPEAK.

Charles Turney Offered No Resistance to Robbers.

Charles Turney of 3647A Easton avenue reported to the police that he was waylaid by two unidentified men on the east side of Grand avenue, between Cozens and Cass avenues, at 8:30 last night and robbed of 39 and a gold watch.

According to Turney, the two men stepped from an alley and leveled revolvers at his head. He was so frightened, he says, that he made no outcry, although several persons were within calling distance. After robbing him, Turney says, the men disappeared through an alley.



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There is no time when the purse of "the lord and master of the house" is so taxed as at Xmas time—gathering the little remembrances for his family and friends. His own wardrobe must also be toned up—perhaps he requires a swell Overcoat, Suit, Trousers, Fancy Vest, Furnishings, Shoes, Hat, etc. His every want can most economically be supplied at Famous. THAT GREAT SALE OF THOSE 5 NEW YORK CLOTHING STOCKS COMES JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME. THE SAVING ON EVERY GARMENT IS READILY APPARENT. THE SUPERIOR VALUES ARE UNAPPROACHABLE ELSEWHERE. LET'S GLANCE AT THEM TOGETHER.

Men's Suits and Overcoats—

If you're looking for good, serviceable garments at a nominal outlay, be sure and see these. THE SUITS come in all the new patterns in winter weight cheviots and cassimeres, also solid blacks and blues—single or double-breasted sack style. THE OVERCOATS are made of durable kerseys, beavers and oxford cheviots—each garment is carefully constructed and correctly proportioned—made to sell at $8.50 and $10—now choice at..... **6.25**

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It is seldom indeed that you have an opportunity to select a handsome $23.50 or $25 Suit or Overcoat at a saving of from $6 to $8.50. Such opportunity is yours now at Famous. THE SUITS are made of the choicest domestic and imported woolens, in the very newest shades, patterns and designs. THE OVERCOATS are cut long or medium—with plain or belted back—in solid colors and novelty effects—special attention of critical dressers is directed to this princely line—they were made to sell at $22.50 and $25.00—now, choice at **16.50**

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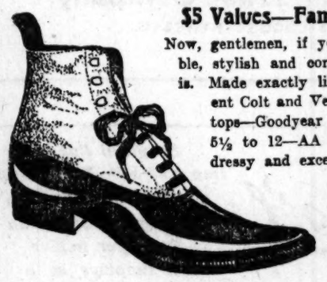
MEN'S FANCY VESTS

In the latest fashion ideas—made of elegant silk mixtures, fancy worsteds and the new figured velvets, which are now the proper caper. They tone up a suit wonderfully—a very appropriate and appreciative Xmas gift—see the elaborate assortment Famous is now showing at

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MEN'S CUSTOM SHOES.

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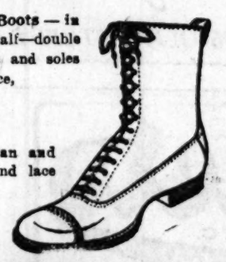
Now, gentlemen, if you want a good, sensible, stylish and comfortable Shoe, here it is. Made exactly like cut, of Baker's Patent Colt and Velour Calf—with dull kid tops—Goodyear welt—oak soles—sizes 5½ to 12—AA to D widths—decidedly dressy and exceedingly good value—at **3.50**

Men's Storm Cut and Hunting Boots—in Box Grain, Box Calf and Velour Calf—double and triple soles—waterproof uppers and soles—8 to 12 inches high—Famous price,

$3 to $6

Men's Boots in kip, oil grain, Puritan and Box Calf—with plain leg—opera and lace style—Famous price,

$2.50 to $5



That "New Record Sale" in **Boys' Clothing Selling.**



On last Monday morning we inaugurated this great sale which was planned and carefully prepared with the object of eclipsing all previous December Boys' Clothing Selling records. The response has been overwhelming indeed—the selling, swift and enthusiastic. Late shipments will be added for tomorrow, grandly augmenting the stocks—the values are equally as great as prevailed earlier in the week.

IT'S A SALE THAT'S PROVING A BOON TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF BOYS. DON'T MISS IT, ATTEND TOMORROW.

Boys' Reefers—Warm substantial coats—ages 4 to 15 years.

Boys' Vestee, Norfolk and Double Breasted Suits—Ages 3 to 15 years—made from standard wool fabrics in the best winter colorings and are sold regularly at $3.50—in this new record sale at Famous—choice at **1.87**

Boys' Novelty Suits—Comprising Vestee, Norfolk and Sailor style; ages 3 to 10 years.

Boys' Double Breasted Knee Suits—ages 7 to 16 years.

Boys' Overcoats—in Oxford gray—long cut—with vertical pockets—ages 6 to 15 years; an immense variety of thoroughly good, stylish Overcoats and Suits that you will readily concede are $6 values—in this new record sale at Famous—choice at..... **3.27**

Boys' Knee Pants—Enough left for another day's swift selling. They're from that great New York purchase and come in pure wool fabrics, in the newest patterns—to match any coat—made with taped seams and excelsior waist bands—Their actual value is 50c to 75c—in this new Record Sale at Famous—choice at **31c**

(Not more than 3 pairs to a customer.)

Boys' Knee Suits—Double breasted style—ages 7 to 16 years.

Boys' Norfolk Suits in neat color effects—ages 4 to 12 years.

Boys' Sailor and Vestee Suits—ages 3 to 8 years; Boys' Reefers, ages 2 to 8 years. The great assortment that we spread before you are truly the best $4.50 values you've ever seen—in this new Record Sale at Famous—choice at..... **2.65**

Boys' Three-piece Suits, with vest—ages 9 to 16 years.

Boys' Knee Suits—Double breasted—ages 7 to 16 years.

Boys' Norfolk, Russian Blouse and Sailor Suits—in all sizes.

Boys' Overcoats, in all the new and prevailing styles—the most popular of which is the long coat with loose fitting back and vertical pockets—Oxford, grays, faint overplaids and plain fabrics—every garment in this superb collection is an excellent $7.50 value—in new Record Sale at Famous choice at **4.10**

While on this floor, pay a visit to our Boys' Furnishing Department. Replete with all the fixings needed by boys—Shirts, Underwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Sweaters and the like—all priced most favorably to you.

JOYOUS TIMES

ahead tomorrow in our Enchanting Toyland and Dollville.

SANTA CLAUS wants all the good little boys and girls to come and look through this Fairyland of Novelties. See the Lightning Express Trains whiz through the Canyons—The Hill Climbing Engines, The Busy Miller, The Performing Dog and the Clown, Papa and the Bouncing Boy and the hundreds of other mechanical and practical toys on exhibition. Don't miss seeing the pretty window displays depicting the business and residence district of Dollville and the hundreds of other interesting attractions.

SANTA CLAUS will give his picture in the shape of a highly colored Celluloid button to each child visiting Famous tomorrow, accompanied by an adult.



Xmas Furnishings.

A selection from this grandly complete holiday stock will undoubtedly evoke his admiration and approval.

MEN'S WOOL SLUMBERING OR LOUNGING ROBES—In all the new shades—a very acceptable gift—Famous price **5.00**

MEN'S ALL-SILK NIGHT ROBES—In plain white, pink and blue—Famous price **5.00**

MEN'S OXFORD AND CASHMERE MUFFLERS—All sorts of beautiful colorings—Famous price ..... **50c** Others up to $3.50.

MEN'S INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—3 put up in a fancy box—50c value—Saturday special, box **30c**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR—In Camel's Hair and natural wool color—neatly trimmed—$1 a garment is the regular price everywhere—Saturday at Famous special at **59**

MEN'S BEAVER GAUNTLETS—With buck palms—Famous price **4.50**

FOWNE'S CELEBRATED GRIP DRIVING GLOVES—Renowned for durability—a useful Xmas present—Famous price **2.50**

MEN'S ALL-WOOL CASHMERE HOSE—Natural wool, black and Camel's Hair—full regular made—25c value—Saturday special at **19c**



WINTER HEADWEAR

—chock full of style and good wearing qualities



Men's Fine Soft and Stiff Hats—All the late midwinter shapes and colors; equal to any $5 agency hat in the market—Famous price **3.00**

Men's Baltic Seal Caps—In Turban and Driving shapes; furriers ask $2 for the quality Famous shows at..... **3.00**

Boys' Hats—In all the correct styles and shades; one of these will make an excellent Christmas present; see the grand assortment Famous shows at..... **98c**

Skating Caps—Made of the finest woolen yarns in every color and combination; Famous is headquarters for them; price..... **48c**

Boys' Pull Down Caps—A lavish assortment in Plushes, Fine Cloths and Serges; all the wanted styles; see the extraordinary value to be had here at..... **48c**

Genuine Angora Tam O'Shanters—white and all the season's combinations; Famous is headquarters where to choose; Famous price, the lowest in town..... **90c**

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DOLL FOR SISTER, TOY FOR BROTHER

Santa Claus Has Something for Every Child.

TRIP THROUGH FAIRYLAND

THAT REGION NOW FULL OF CHILDHOOD TREASURES.

With Santa as Escort, Rose Marion Found Goo-Goo-Eyed Dolls—Everything From Hockey Sticks to Automobiles.

WHAT THE TOYS COST.

Cheapest toy for girl, celluloid doll	$ .10
Most expensive toy for girl, lady doll	25 00
Cheapest toy for boy, hockey stick	.05
Most expensive toy for boy, camera	200 00

BY ROSE MARION.

Santa Claus was my host yesterday. With him I went through his St. Louis storehouses, from which will come the toys that are to be yours when Christmas comes, little children. And when I tell you all about them I am afraid the great big children will want to sing "Backward, Turn Backward." At least that was what I wanted to do.

"So you want to see things," said Santa Claus, as he looked first at my card and then at me, while I shivered. Not that Santa Claus is a bit scary looking, not that I've been particularly bad, at least not lately, but because Santa Claus is Santa Claus, and knows things about times long ago.

"You weren't always so curious," Santa Claus continued, "at least not that night when that inquisitive brother of yours coaxed you to stay awake and watch for me. I remember distinctly that you went to sleep."

"I'm a woman now," I answered, not knowing what else to say.

"Of course," replied Santa Claus, "and for that same reason you'll tell all that you see."

"Yes," I said meekly, too frightened to fib.

"Nevertheless, I'll take you, but you'll have to be blindfolded while we're going."

SOMEONE PUT ON BLINDFOLD.

"That's easy," I remarked, while someone from somewhere wrapped something soft about my eyes. Then I was turned three times about and walked to goodness knows where.

At last someone took the wrapping from my eyes and I found myself in the house of dolls. Dolls were the only thing about. Baby dolls, lady dolls, boy dolls, negro dolls, goo-goo eyed dolls, celluloid dolls, and even a Clarence the Cop doll.

Strangest of all there were broken dolls, too. Broken handed dolls, dolls without any eyes, dolls with ugly holes in their heads, and dolls that had lost much sawdust.

"This is my doll hospital," said Santa Claus, to quiet the wondering look on my face.

"O," said I.

"Yes, this is where we make sick dolls well. It costs something, but it is worth while. My physicians and nurses cure 100 dolls a day. Here are the cured ones."

The convalescents, instead of sitting about were all lying in a big drawer.

"They're resting," explained Santa Claus. "Does it cost so very much?" I wanted to know.

SOME CASES EXPENSIVE.

"Depends on the sickness or the injury," replied Santa Claus, "the worse case we had this year cost $5.55. I think the poor thing had been scalped and had to have its hair started to growing again. Even the simplest treatment usually costs at least 50 cents."

"This is a celluloid doll," said Santa Claus, as he held up a tiny doll a few inches tall. Before I could take it he threw it on the floor as hard as he could. I didn't think Santa Claus could be so mean. Before I had time to say anything he had picked it up and was explaining: "Can't break it, you see. Just the thing for baby. Since you want to know so much about prices, I'll just tell you that these dolls can be bought from 10 cents to $3.85. Here's another good doll for baby."

He held up an object that looked like a real baby. It had on all the clothes that a baby wears, but its face was of cloth.

"My wife calls that the Evangeline doll. It's worth $1."

"Here are more baby dolls, but I shan't give any of them to the babies. They are for girls that can wheel go-carts about. They have sure joints, you know; price 50 cents to $3.50."

"This is a lady doll," said Santa Claus, as he put into my hands a doll with real eyelashes, eyes that opened and shut, and hair done upon the top of her head.

"Her worth, like ——" but Santa Claus didn't finish his smile, "depends upon the clothes she wears. She and her like can cost anything from $2.95 to $25."

SOME HAVE GOO-GOO EYES.

I let the doll lie in my arms for a minute just to see her eyes close, and then got just the least bit bold. "O, Santa Claus," I exclaimed, "haven't you any dolls with goo-goo eyes?"

"Of course," replied Santa, "here's one. Price $1 to $1.25." He picked up a brown-haired, blue eyed doll that proceeded to make eyes at me until I came near making eyes back at her, she looked so cunning.

"There's Clarence the Cop," I screamed as I saw a policeman doll standing in front of a doll house.

"Yes," replied my host, "he's cheap. Worth half a dollar."

"By the way," said he, "did I show you the side comb doll? Only little girls that keep their own hair neat are going to get those. See, they wear sure enough side combs. $1.95 to $12.50.

"Dolls have other things besides side combs," continued Santa. "My baby dolls have nursing bottles, 5 cents; all doll have hot water bottles to keep their feet warm, 10 cents; lady dolls have jewelry and toilet sets, 35 cents to $3.50; garters, 10 cents; kid gloves, 75 cents to 85 cents; trousseaux, 25 cents to $9. They also have doll houses with kitchens, worth from $3 to $15. Here's one of the kitchens."

It was like the kind that most big folks would like to have, with a real stove, a sink, a spice cabinet, a china closet, cake cutters, a molding board and a table.

"They have theaters, $1 to $9, where the fairy tales especially arranged for dolls are played by strong stock companies. Besides, they have baker shops and stores. They have steamer trunks, telescopes and dress suit cases, from 25 cents to $6."

FURNITURE FOR DOLLY.

"For large dolls I have larger furniture ... dressers, from $2.25 to $14, washstands at $1, chiffoniers at $3 and wardrobes at $6. ... wardrobe, I wanted to steal. It was ... white with red cross up its doors. ... "I nearly forgot to show you the buggies and go-carts. They cost me from $1 to $9. And the tea sets. Some you can't break, 25 cents to $6."

"Yes," said I, "would you mind showing me some things for boys now?" I wasn't tired, but if you ever were a little girl, even in your mind, you know the kind of feeling that comes over you when you get in dolls' company. You don't want to be big any more. You want to go back to your playhouse in the garret or some other place and stay there all the time.

"Come on," said Santa Claus, "but you'll have to have that thing over your face again. We're going to another place. "Before he finished, doll land was gone from my vision, shut out by that soft thing wrapped about my eyes. We did some walking, and when the thing came off again we were inside a place where were things for boys. First I saw the automobiles. One was tiny, only about 8 inches long, but it went. It had rubber tires, too, a steering gear, and was painted red. It was worth a dollar. Then there were big ones like the little one, only you could ride in them if you worked them with foot power. They cost all the way up to $20.

Next to them were hand cars, painted red, they were to be worked by the feet, and had levers in front.

SKATES AND HOCKEY STICKS.

"That lever is just the thing for exercise," said Santa Claus, "it will do some weak boy good. Handcars cost from $3.50 to $7. Here's an express wagon that can be used for a coaster on snowy days if the wheels are taken off. It costs $7.50. Here are some other coasters to be used when it doesn't snow. You can slide down hills on these, and use the wheels for runners. They're the kind I give the children in California."

"M-m-m, and here are skates," said I. Not that I am a skater, but the skates were shiny, and the red toques and sweaters nearby looked so bright.

"Yes, I always have to have plenty of skates for St. Louis boys. Those are worth from 75 cents to $10. Those long sticks are hockey sticks. They cost from 5 cents to $1. Those rubber things are hockey pucks, which I give to boys who don't play with tin cans. They are worth 50 cents."

"Those punching bags cost from $1 to $6." As he said this he held up a little pair of baby boxing gloves that almost anybody would want.

Then Santa Claus took out a little watch. "It's getting late," said he, "I'm afraid I'll miss the Northern express. All I can do is to tell you the prices of these things a[illegible]k

Then he rattled off: Footballs, 75 cents to $4; air guns, 65 cents to $6.50; rifles, $2.50 to $25; shotguns, $5 to $450; kodaks, 80 cents to $200; drums, 25 cents to $6; engines, $1 to $25; watches, $1 to $80; desks, $1 to $17; toolchests, 35 cents to $30; knives, 15 cents to $25; hobby horses, $1 to $15. This one with the mane is covered with real horse hide. So are this pig and this cow. I've got to take time to tell you that this cow can be milked. Soldiers, from 25 cents to $18, and last of all, a race course. You can stop and look at that and bet your money if you want to. I did. That is, I looked. I never bet money on horses. There were eight of them. They ran towards a wire pulled there by a mechanical crank. The result of their arrival was not governed by human hands. My horse didn't win. Santa Claus' horse did. I guess he knew the [illegible]

Then the soft thing was tied up over my eyes again and I knew nothing about things until Santa Claus said good-by and left me at the office door.

TOY TRUST IS THE LATEST

Combine Is Composed of Over Thirty Companies, Doing 95 Per Cent of Business.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A toy trust is the latest. Over 30 manufacturers, making 95 per cent of the toys of the country, are in it. The terms have been agreed upon.

The name is the National Novelty Co. The present capital is $37,000. This will be raised to $10,000,000 soon.

Slashing of prices, which has resulted from the keen competition put up by the western makers to get the eastern trade and the eastern makers to capture the western trade, in a large measure has demoralized the business, it is said, and the time has come to systematize the industry; to have the St. Louis manufacturers look solely after the Missouri trade, the New York makers attend to the New York trade, the Cincinnati manufacturers supply the Ohio demand, and so on.

Then, in order to further systematize the business, it has been arranged that all the hobby horses shall be made in one factory, all the dolls in another, and the various toys in another, and so on.

Have You Seen This Missing Man?



FREDERICK H. CLARK.

HIS ABSENCE IS A MYSTERY

Frederick H. Clark Has Been Missing From His Home Since Dec. 2.

Frederick H. Clark of 6818 Virginia avenue has been missing from his home since Dec. 2. On that date he went to his work as foreman at the United States arsenal depot in the morning.

He kissed his wife good-by and said nothing of leaving town. He did not return at supper time and his wife became much worried. Her concern increased when she learned that he had not been at work at all durng that day.

Since then she has become so anxious about him that she is almost prostrated. She cannot sleep and sits at the window day and night watching for his coming.

When he went away he wore a dark-gray business suit, a dark-gray overcoat and a black soft hat. On his left hand was a heavy gold ring with a carbuncle set. His watch and chain were of heavy gold and on the chain was a locket containing the pictures of himself and wife. His necktie was black and white.

Clark is 48 years old. His hair and mustache are black, with some streaks of gray. His eyes are black. He is about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has been despondent for about a month over troubles connected with his work.

VENEZUELA CALLS FOR ARBITRATION

Castro Asks United States Minister Bowen to Act as Mediator.

WAR PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER MATOS SAID TO BE MARCHING TO JOIN CASTRO.

LA GUAYRA FORTS ALL MANNED

Washington Officials Deeply Interested, as It Is Felt That a Show of Force May Be Necessary to Sustain the Monroe Doctrine.

FRICTION BETWEEN THE ALLIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A cablegram received at the state department today from Minister Bowen at Caracas states that the Venezuelan government has requested him to propose to Great Britain and Germany that the difficulties arising out of the claims for alleged damages and injuries to British and German subjects during the civil war be submitted to arbitration.

In conformity with the understanding already reached with the representatives of the British and German governments here, the proposition from President Castro will be laid before those governments, the state department acting merely as a channel of communication.

Not much hope is entertained of the favorable reception of the proposition, as it is felt that the difficulty has progressed too far for a settlement by the peaceful methods of arbitration.

The relations between the countries at present are those of real war, although technically the principals prefer to designate it as something less. In doing so Great Britain and Germany are simply following the course taken during the war with China, when, notwithstanding the fact that the allied fleet battered down Taku and captured and distributed a number of Chinese naval vessels, no declaration of war was forthcoming.

VENEZUELA PROPOSES TO FIGHT

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.

CARACAS, Dec. 12.—It is stated on good authority that the Venezuelan government has asked United States Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy with Great Britain and Germany. The English telephone office here, the railway and everything belonging to Great Britain and Germany has been seized.

Preparations for war are seen on every hand. The country seems to be united in an effort to repel invasion.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

At La Guayra the defense preparations at the strategic points on the highways back of the town are being vigorously pushed forward. The deposits of powder in the Fortress of La Vigia and San Carlos have been removed. Great patriotic demonstrations are being made, and every one capable of bearing arms is offering his services.

All the deposits of coal in the navy yard and all the British cars on the LaGuaira railroad have been brought here, rendering impossible the transportation of the allied troops by rail. Gen. Ferreca, minister of war, spent all day today in choosing spots in the mountains where trenches are to be dug.

The governor of Caracas has issued the following decree:

"All the Venezuelans living in the federal district, between the ages of 18 and 50 years must enroll themselves in the militia. Many such persons refusing to enroll voluntarily, as patriotism demands, will be declared traitors and sent before the tribunals."

ALL PRISONERS RELEASED.

Yesterday, after a long conference with President Castro, United States Minister Bowen obtained an order for the liberation of the remaining British and German subjects who were held prisoners, and an hour later all had been released.

Minister Bowen and Secretary of Legation Russell went to the jail five times and assisted the poor colored British subjects and those who were ill.

The order for the release of the prisoners has made a good impression, and is looked upon as a politic act on the part of President Castro.

Everyone in Caracas believes that war is on, unless Minister Bowen succeeds in having the matters in dispute submitted to arbitration.

It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces is to secure the ports of La Guayro and Puerto Cabello.

MATOS JOINS CASTRO.

A general amnesty has been decreed to all political offenders, and it is believed the hatchet of revolution is to be buried in the greater struggle that may come.

Gen. Matos, the revolutionary leader, is reported to be marching to the city with his entire army to throw his forces with his country against the common foes.

Castro characterizes the seizure and destruction of his fleet as an act of war unprecedented in the history of civilized nations. The fleet was destroyed before Castro's answer to the ultimatum had been read by the allies.

The first boat captured was the gunboat Bolivar, which was seized in the harbor by the British cruiser Charybdis.

She landed the Bolivar's officers at Port of Spain, Trinidad, while the British sloop Alert took the crew of the captured gunboat to the port of Guiria, situated on the Venezuelan coast opposite to the Island of Trinidad.

The British torpedo boat Quail then proceeded to the Orinoco to capture the Venezuelan warships on blockade duty there.

Meanwhile the combined German and British fleet seized and towed outside the harbor of La Guayra all the vessels which were then there. These were the warships Gen. Crespo, Totumo, Ossum and Margarita. The ships were manned by 390 men. The sailors were sent ashore and three of the ships were then sunk.

The entire coast of Venezuela from the Orinoco river to La Guayra is blockaded by British war vessels, while the Venezuelan coast from La Guayra to the Colombian frontier is blockaded by German war vessels.

GERMANY'S SIDE OF THE CONTROVERSY.

The German side of the controversy with Venezuela, as presented to the German Parliament Dec. 8, follows:

German settlers lost in the civil war prior to 1900, 1,700,000 bolivars ($340,000), through forced loans, seizures of cattle, and pillaging of houses and estates; and in the last civil war they lost an additional 3,000,000 bolivars ($600,000).

The commission of Venezuelan officials appointed in January, 1901, to decide the claims was not satisfactory, because all claims arising previous to President Castro's administration were ignored, diplomatic protests were precluded, and the claims would only be paid with bonds of the new revolutionary loan, which would be evidently almost worthless.

The German minister at Caracas having failed to get these points altered, Germany felt compelled to refuse altogether to recognise the commission. Similar refusals were made by Great Britain, the United States, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands, but as Venesuela insisted Germany examined the claims and made Venezuela responsible for those which were apparently well founded. Venesuela then promised a satisfactory solution through congress, but the latter simply reverted to the commission. Venesuela declined further discussion and refused to settle by diplomatic means.

To force a settlement the German minister at Caracas handed to the government on Dec. 7 an ultimatum demanding the immediate payment of the war claims to 1900, and a satisfactory statement regarding the fixing and guaranteeing the amount of the claims arising from the recent civil war.

The existing status followed that action.

Scene of Hostilities and Commander of Allied Fleets.



VIEW OF LA GUAYRA.



VICE ADMIRAL A. L. DOUGLAS, COMMANDING ALLIED BRITISH-GERMAN SQUADRON AT LA GUAYRA.



THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT LA GUAYRA.

THE MAN ON DECK.

Vice-Admiral Douglas, who commands the British-German squadron which has seized the Venezuelan navy and is about to take other measures against Castro's government, was first lord of the admiralty at London when he was appointed commander in chief of the British north Atlantic squadron last July. He was born in Quebec, and saw service on the Canadian lakes during the Fenian troubles in 1866. He was for a number of years at the head of the Japanese naval school at Tokio, being lent to the Japanese navy for the purpose of training the naval officers of the nation, which recently formally became Great Britain's ally in the Orient.

The allied fleet comprises the cruisers Retribution, Indefatigable, Ariadne, Tribune and Charybdis, English; and the cruisers Gazelle, Vineta and Falk, German.

La Guaira and Caracas, menaced by the fleets of Germany and Great Britain, are the most important towns in Venezuela. La Guaira is the port of Caracas and has a population of 8000 or more. Caracas is the capital of the Venezuelan republic, and is situated within a few miles of the port.

so far as this government is concerned. We could not afford to ignore such occupation beyond a reasonable time for the collection of the money demanded.

This offical was asked if one year would be considered a reasonable time. His reply was very emphatic. "It certainly will not," he said. "One year is too long."

"Would six months be considered a reasonable time?"

"I do not think so. That would be too long."

The official refused to answer other questions which were asked for the purpose of fixing the limitations of "reasonable time," but it was evident from his attitude that this government will hold both Germany and Great Britain to strict accountability if they attempt to exceed our interpretation of what "reasonable time" means.

It has always been the policy of both Germany and England to use such affairs as they are now engaged in at La Guayra to establish permanent footholds on the territory they desire to acquire. Wherever they have seized custom houses on the pretext of collecting debts they have been loath to let go. They may exhibit the same tendency in connection with the Venezuelan affair. The fact that they are acting in concert is regarded as significant and foreboding. Thus far the attitude of their diplomatic representatives in Washington has been reassuring, but diplomatic representations are not always what they seem to be.

The German and British ambassadors, through their subordinates, assert that the action of President Castro in ordering the arrest of German and English subjects was tantamount to a declaration of war. While the state department concedes that Castro's conduct was a grave blunder, it certainly was no more warlike than the seizing and sinking of Castro's fleet by the Europeans.

The President and his secretary of state can have ample time to consider all of the possibilities of the Venezuelan affair. They have known of the intentions of Great Britain and Germany for months.

The President's recent utterances on the Monroe doctrine in his message to Congress was written with the Venezuelan matter in view and probably for the purpose of indicating to Germany and Great Britain how far this government was willing they should proceed in the collection of the moneys which they are claiming from Venezuela. It is presumed, therefore, that President Roosevelt is ready to meet any emergency which may arise in the future.

It is regarded as significant that the great naval maneuvers under Admiral Dewey which are now going forward around the island of Porto Rico were conceived after Great Britain and Germany had formally announced their purpose to send hostile fleets to the Venezuelan coast.

Mr. Bowen is a man of rare courage, as was demonstrated when he was consul-general at Barcelona, Spain, at the beginning of the war with that country. He has been intrusted with the care of British and German interests in Venezuela during this crisis, and the state department has confidence in his ability to do that without in any way involving his own government.

President Castro did not want to recognize Minister Bowen's right to look after the interests of England and Germany, but after a second representation he consented to release the prisoners who had been arrested apparently with no other warrant than that they were citizens of the two powers represented in the ultimatum.

Castro is represented by those who know him as a shrewd and unscrupulous half-savage, who received his first power from the mountain bands which terrorified the cities and plantations in the rich valleys. He was one of them and he began his revolution with their aid and became so successful that he became dictator of the country. He is cunning and has a grievance against this government which may lead him to any extreme to involve it in a quarrel with England and Germany.

NO TIME FOR ARBITRATION

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The foreign office officials say they have not received information to the effect that Venezuela had requested Mr. Bowen to act as arbitrator. They think it is not likely that the proposition has been made, but if such is the case they do not consider that arbitration at this stage would be acceptable to Great Britain.

It is understood that nearly all of the Venzuelan news which the British government gets comes through the state department at Washington and is based on Minister Bowen's messages.

WAITING ON UNITED STATES

PARIS, Dec. 12.—A foreign office official made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"No exchange of views has occurred between the European powers concerning the Venezuelan situation, and no such exchange is intended, as it is definitely held that the affair is one in which the United States should be left free to take the initiative in mediation."

This statement was called out by the suggestion of the Temps that it was time for Europe to speak in the interest of universal peace. The official added: "It is fully recognized here and at the other capitals that the United States is the only power in a position to act as intermediary. Hence, there is no intention on the part of the European powers to take concerted or individual action."

CASTRO RELIES ON UNCLE SAM

Washington Officials Think Venezuela Is Defiant With This Purpose in View.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Officials of the state department do not attempt to conceal their fear that there are grave and unfortunate possibilities in the Venezuelan situation. The pricipal cause of uneasiness at the state department is due to the well-known disposition of President Castro to involve the United States in a quarrel with England and Germany.

He would, it is believed, go so far as to defy the European powers to the point of declaring war upon Venezuela if he thought by so doing he could compel them to seize Venezuelan territory and come in contact with the United States. President Roosevelt has declared that the Monroe doctrine has nothing to do with commercial relations and that this nation does not guarantee any state against punishment, provided that punishment does not take the form of the acquisition of territory by any non-American power.

The danger is, however, that these two powers will become so involved with President Castro that they will take possession of the custom-house at La Guayra, if they have not already done so, and be unable to retire in a reasonable time, as viewed by the United States. A high official of the administration today said the time of the occupation would be the delicate question.

PUTS BLAME ON THE GERMANS

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The foreign office informs the Associated Press that their government disclaims responsibility for the sinking of the Venezuelan vessels off La Guayra, which it entirely attributes to the German forces.

This statement gives color of truth to the report that friction has already arisen between the allies.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Regarding the reports that the Germans wantonly destroyed the Venesuelan vessels captured at La Guayra, it is said here that according to the official advices received up to the present, only one vessel was disabled and none was sunk, and that the British participated equally with the Germans in the action taken.

While the marine ministry is not considering the immediate dispatch of reinforcements, if it is necessary to occupy a port marines will be sent. The navy department garrisons the coast defenses and has at its disposition 15 battalions of marines who are serving on shore.

BUTLER CONTEST SHORTENED.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Warner-Butler election contest has been advanced to 40 days by a strict party vote in the House. Butler must file his reply to the contest by Dec. 18 and the House will dispose of the case Feb. 20. The interim being devoted to the taking of evidence.

COMELY WOMEN HELD AS THIEVES

One Has Admitted She Robbed Jewelry Houses.

BOTH "SWEATED" BY DESMOND

WITHSTOOD QUESTIONS, BUT ONE HAD ALREADY CONFESSED.

Other Said She Would Take Police to Her Home, but After Leading Them Many Blocks, Turned and Laughed in Their Faces.

Two young and comely women were in the chief of detectives' "sweatbox" until long after midnight last night, but they were self-possessed and kept their own counsel quite as well as a lawyer might have done.

One of them, Anna Gray, is a self-confessed shoplifter, and the other woman, Belle James, is suspected of being guilty of the same offense. The Gray woman admitted at the time of her arrest she had stolen silverware from large jewelry stores, but no amount of coaxing nor threats could induce either of them to tell the many other things the police wanted to know.

Eager to escape the ordeal of being questioned, the James woman promised several different times to lead the police to the house she occupied if they would let her out of jail long enough to find it. She pleaded ignorance of the streets, and said she could not give them the number, but she was confident of being able to pilot a detective to the place.

The experiment was tried. Guarded by two stalwart policemen, in plain clothes, she was taken on the streets. After she had taken a long walk, and apparently enjoyed the change from the jail atmosphere, she laughed in the face of her guardians and rattled them upon being so dense as to be taken in by such a ruse.

The next time she wanted a breath of fresh air she made such a solemn promise that the scheme was tried again, with the same results.

Her constancy convinced the police she is not a novice, so they took both women to the Bertillon room, where their descriptions were recorded.

STOREKEEPERS COMPLAIN.

Many complaints have been received, especially from large jewelry stores, that shoplifters were at work, and the police believe the women they have in custody are responsible for some of the depredations.

The woman who calls herself Anna Gray might have chosen the name because she desired to have one consistent with her appearance. Her eyes are gray, and the color scheme of her stylish costume is gray throughout. Her hair is brown. She is perhaps 25 years of age and has an exceedingly frank countenance.

The impression of sincerity is heightened when she speaks, but the police say these qualities are the very ones which enabled the pair to carry on the work of shoplifting without employing the usual devices to hide the goods when they carried them out of the store.

She admitted from the start that she had stolen, but declared she was not a professional.

She declared she had come from Cincinnati six weeks ago. Her husband and she had separated a year ago, she said. She refused absolutely to give his name or to tell where she has been staying since she came to St. Louis, but she admitted that she had been associating with the James woman for a fortnight.

An attempt was made to get her to implicate the James woman in her confession of having taken tableware, but she denied having had any help when she took the goods.

She seemed a little remorseful, but she affected nonchalance whenever she knew she was being watched. She said she left home to save money, and that she had tried to get work before resorting to theft.

ARRESTED ON DESCRIPTIONS.

The James woman informed the police they would get nothing out of her. She said she had been in St. Louis two weeks, and that her home is Kansas City, where, she declares, she knows a number of reputable persons. She denies she is a thief.

The women were arrested on descriptions of clerks in the stores from which goods had been stolen. Two large jewelry stores reported that silverware had been taken.

It is said the persons who took the goods disarmed suspicion in each theft by walking out with the goods in plain sight, just as if they paid for them. If there had been any attempt at all at concealment the employes of the store say they would have stopped them at the time, but they were composed and made a good appearance.

Detectives Killian and Murphy arrested the James and Gray women at Sixth and Chestnut streets yesterday afternoon, but the only property the fair prisoners had was four books which appeared to be just from the book stores. The James woman was wearing a modish box coat.

The women pretended to be most indignant, but later in the afternoon the Gray woman confessed.

They both denied that the books had been stolen. The James woman said she always read the best books obtainable. The books were the "Two Van Revels," "Cecilia," "The Virginians" and "Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son."

The police believe the books were stolen.

Both women deny having ever been arrested before and objected to having their measurements taken.

Warrants were sworn to by the representative of a Sixth street jewelry store, charging them with having stolen three dozen knives and forks valued at $36, which amount is sufficient to admit of their being accused of a felony.

Clerks will be summoned in an endeavor to have the prisoners identified.

TWO MEN ARRESTED.

When it was decided that the women would not confess, a ruse was employed by Detective Lee Killian to ascertain whether the women had accomplices. The Gray woman was told she would be allowed to send a note. This was against the rules, it was explained, but permission would be granted her as a special favor.

She sent the note. The messenger was followed by the detectives. Shortly after the delivery of the note at a house on Twelfth street, near Clark avenue, two men came out and were arrested. They gave the names of Frank L. Hamilton and William James. They were taken before Chief of Detectives Desmond.

$1,000,000 IN STAMPS BURNED

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—By burning $1,000,000 in stamps, the government employes in the bureau of engraving and printing were kept warm last month and a saving of $150 in coal bills made.

Coal could not be had in any quantity and the engineers suggested that the millions of documentary stamps rendered worthless by the repeal of the war revenue act be used as fuel in the furnaces. The idea was adopted. The stamps were [illegible]

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Wall street is insatiable. It is crying again for more money.

Was there ever a more fearless bantam than Cipriano Castro?

The constituency that re-elected Farris will surely be ashamed of him now that his own words have been published.

The homes to which Santa Claus does not come can be reached through the Christmas Festival. Let no little one be neglected.

President Baer, as the agent of divine Providence, could not have known of the attempt to bribe the presidents of the unions.

Let us brighten the Christmas day for many who see dark days all the year round. Every contributor to the Christmas Festival fund will do this.

THE ELECTION LAW.

In proposing amendments to the election law, one thing and one thing only should be kept in view—fair and honest elections.

An objectionable feature of the present law is the registration at the City Hall, which all agree is and has been an opportunity for fraud. This should be abolished altogether and precinct registration made exclusive.

Provision should be made to compel the publication of the registration lists at least 20 days before election. These should be posted in conspicuous places in the precincts where they cannot fail to be censored by the voters.

The law of 1895 contained many excellent features and on the whole was satisfactory. So far as possible the approved provisions of that act should be incorporated in the amended law.

The scandals of recent elections, whether well or ill founded, are hurtful to the city and it should be every citizen's interest to prevent a repetition of them by procuring the adoption of a law which cannot by the utmost ingenuity be made the instrument of fraud.

The legislature at the approaching session should make this matter an object of speedy attention.

A single St. Louis shoe manufacturing firm will soon be making 31,000 pairs daily, employing 5000 persons. St. Louis' footing as a great manufacturing center is exceptionally solid.

SITES FOR SMALL PARKS.

A St. Louisan, in the Post-Dispatch Letters From the People, suggests a corner at the intersection of Olive, Channing, Ware and Lindell, on which are a number of ramshackle buildings, as a good location for a small park, such as that at the corner of Lindell and Vandeventer avenues.

This suggestion is a pointer of what may be accomplished in making St. Louis more attractive. Owing to the fact that the principal streets running west from the river, spread out in fan shape, there are a number of corners that are unsuited for buildings except such as the peculiar "flat-iron" building in New York, which St. Louis is hardly prepared to copy. As open breathing places are needed, such corners might well be dedicated to this purpose and be improved with small parks.

New York and other cities have such small parks, and are creating more of them. These spots afford space for a few trees, some flower beds, a fountain or a statue. They add greatly to the appearance of a city and make it more desirable as a home. St. Louis should provide for their creation whenever the opportunity is presented.

Senator Beveridge's fight against the admission of the territories is as little creditable to him as was his "base and sordid" speech on the Philippines.

NAMING AND NUMBERING STREETS.

A sane reformation of street nomenclature would be helpful not only to strangers, but to old citizens.

There is no reason, however, why the system of numbering cannot be combined with the names. The names of most of the north and south streets, even in the newly-opened districts in the west, have historical significance and should be retained. King's highway is older than the town. Garrison avenue is a part of the city's history and recollections are kept fresh by Ewing, Beaumont, Sarah, Union and Goodfellow.

Why cannot numbers be attached to all these names: thus, Garrison, 3000; Goodfellow, 5800; King's highway, 5000? This would enable anybody to ascertain his whereabouts at a glance without sacrificing any landmarks.

It seems easy. Are there any practical objections?

It is singular if divine Providence intended that the miners of two Delaware & Hudson collieries should produce 116,839 more tons of coal than they were paid for.

STREET CARS FOR WOMEN.

A coterie of New York women, led by Mrs. Richard Henry Savage, is demanding street cars for women only.

"There should be cars for women only," declares Mrs. Savage. "Then we would not be compelled to have men falling over us, sitting on our laps and blowing tobacco-laden breaths in our faces. We will do all we can, and, in the American language, we will get there."

To assist them in "getting there" they have organized the Women's Car Passengers' Rights Association.

This idea is no doubt pleasing to the ladies. It will also be highly edifying to them if the plan is ever put into execution. If they will watch the expression on the face of a man who is late at the office and who is compelled to stand on a cold street corner while a car goes by labeled "For Women Only," and will pay close attention to his remarks at that instant, they will learn more about the nature of the human male in a minute than they could in a year by any other means except marrying a specimen of him.

The women have pretty well monopolized all the street car seats as it is. Now if they are to monopolize whole cars as well, the average of human life will be considerably shortened by the resultant worry and indignation.

If Mark Hanna were to run for President he would have the largest campaign fund on record. It is Hanna who says "there are no trusts."

THE ANTHRACITE TESTIMONY.

The testimony offered before the anthracite strike commission the past few days reveals as nothing else could the public interest in the subject.

It is too horrible to repeat in cold blood. But all points to a barbarous condition, inhuman and cruel. The miners and their children are subjected to ...

... of the arbitrary rules and regulations which leave them not a shred of independence.

It is only fair to say, however, that this evidence relates so far only to the independent operators. The combine operators protest against any inference affecting them and indignantly deny that such injustice is ever practiced by them.

But the point is that the stories of these poor people are of vital interest to the entire country. The conditions described cannot be tolerated. We cannot afford to permit the degradation of a large class of workers. Cheap coal may be too costly. If the price of anthracite can be kept low only by pauperizing and brutalizing the miners, a higher price would be cheaper in the end.

The question is not one of price, however. It may be rather one of dividends on inflated capitalization. This, perhaps, is the source of the trouble.

The commission seems to be determined to get at the truth, and let it go before the country. The facts so far brought out demonstrate once more the value of publicity. No abuse can long survive a thorough exposure by the press.

Quite a number of collisions between street cars and wagons are caused by the lack of lights on the wagons at night. Sometimes the drivers are drowsy or asleep and do not hear approaching street cars and the darkness prevents the motormen from seeing the wagons until too late to avoid a collision. This is especially the case with huckster wagons. An ordinance requiring every vehicle used in the city to display lights at night would greatly reduce accidents. An ordinance of this kind should be passed and enforced.

LET US DO OUR PART.

The Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival is a part of a great world-wide idea, fostered by the modern view of the meaning of Christmas.

While we plan and work for this festival, popular newspapers, religious societies and charitable persons in all the large cities are doing the same thing. In the leading cities of this country especially, Christmas will mean comfort and joy to old and young among the poor this year, as it has never done before. In all these cities the people who can do so are gladly contributing of their means to bring Christmas joy to those who are unfortunate. As an example of what is being done, a Chicago firm, without solicitation, has contributed 1000 plum puddings to the dinner to be given by a popular newspaper of that city.

Let us do our part. Let us feel that in St. Louis the spirit of hospitality and Christmas good will is abroad as it is elsewhere, and let us strive to outdo our sister cities in this joyous and seasonable work.

Large contributions are needed, the larger the better. But many small amounts will do as well. A very small contribution from each of the readers of the Post-Dispatch will supply Christmas cheer to all the destitute children not otherwise provided for. A fund raised in this way will make every Post-Dispatch reader who contributes a sharer in the good work. It will give him the happiness of having helped some unfortunate child to realize the Christmas vision.

What will you give?

The arrogance and ignorance of some of the men and the organs representing the insurance business in this state is appalling. They assume that anyone who criticises insurance methods or opposes any proposition in favor of insurance companies is either a fool or a knave. The Post-Dispatch thinks that some provisions of the insurance laws of this state are unwise, but we do not think that insurance companies are philanthropic associations or that the whole legislative and legal machinery of the state should be used to manufacture special privileges and profits for them. The indefensible methods of the insurance companies themselves have been responsible for much of the hostile legislation against them. The legislature should pass laws fair to the people and the insurance companies. Nothing more should be conceded.

The alarming purpose of the National Reciprocity League is to "broaden the knowledge of the people on the subject of reciprocity" and to "put forth an effort that will be felt from the Atlantic to the Pacific." Mr. McKinley's ideas are respected much more outside of Congress than in it.

Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, who favors a presidential term of 20 years, is a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate. He may be re-elected several times, however, without seeing the adoption of a constitutional amendment providing for such a change.

The Nile dam which has just been completed is expected to add nearly 1,000,000 acres of land under cultivation, to enable large tracts to bear two crops a year, and to increase the wealth of Egypt $120,000,000 a year. This is very much better work than building pyramids.

The inexhaustible supply of cement rock along the Missouri river should make Portland cement cheap enough to give every side entrance and back yard walk in this region a granitoid surface.

Subway digging, according to Mr. McDonald of New York, is cellar digging—just cellar digging—and not a bit difficult. Why should not every great city have underground street railways?

With 60,000 Missouri mules with which to renew their agriculture, the Boer farmers will soon be prosperous again. The Missouri mule is even more important in peace than in war.

Texas Cuban leaf tobacco, "with the characteristic aroma of the Cuban product," is now grown, and the Texans will doubtless add it to their great exhibit in St. Louis in 1904.

It is to be hoped that there will be no dispute about the victory of the White Squadron, making it necessary for the President to pronounce it "a captains' fight."

A. S. Hewitt says he is not a Democrat and the Brooklyn Eagle says he is a Democrat. This far west it doesn't make a little bit of difference which is right.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

The suit brought against the Book Trust in New York may force it to turn over a new leaf.

As Fraulein Krupp is now the richest woman in the world, she will doubtless go to all the horse shows.

A divorced woman in France is a successful lion tamer. There are lions that can be tamed easier than some husbands.

Lord Roseberry is said to be kicking because his daughter wants to marry a dancing lieutenant. Has Lord Roseberry never heard of Capt. Jinks of the army?

British statistics show that the proportion of lunatic single persons greatly exceeds that of married persons. Perhaps this includes those who are "crazy to get married."

If out of 1000 women who have proposed to him, Gov. Bailey of Kansas finds not one to suit him, what is to be done? What will the Mormons think of that kind of a man?

A St. Louis parent describes his son as "a great, big, bull-dozing boy" of only 16 years, who is about to try to get married. There is still no good recipe for the restraint of children who want to get into trouble too soon by marrying.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

GEO. MEYER.—The city surveyor will tell you how many old bricks he allows to the cubic yard.

JOHN M. HUDSON.—Henry Clay it was who said he would rather be right than be President.

T. M.—You can obtain contract specifications for cavalry horses by applying to the quartermaster.

EDWIN W. BAUM.—There is no premium on your one-cent piece. Having no date visible, it cannot be identified.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—Give the young lady a nice book of the kind she likes. Don't get anything expensive. That would be bad taste.

Kansas City Produces a Joke.

From the Kansas City Times

Ten St. Louis millionaires spent Sunday in Kansas City. Ten is as many millionaires as St. Louis now has—at liberty.

Several Times.

From the Slater (Mo) Rustler.

The Post-Dispatch charges W. J. Stone, candidate for the Senate, with lobbying. Somewhere, it seems, that charge has been made before.

A Cowardly and Cruel Practice.

From the Washington Post.

Young Ruit is dead—as dead as any other victim of hazing—and he is merely a fresh sacrifice to that cowardly and cruel practice. It occurs to us to say that, although rude sports may seem to be appropriate to tough and powerful men, the meanness and tyranny which lie at the bottom of all hazing can be very profitably discouraged by the laboring classes. When one is earning his own bread and doing something useful in the world, he does not need torture and humiliation to "make a man of him." He is a man already.

EX-GOV. STONE AS A STREET RAILWAY TAX AGENT

The people of Missouri for years have striven to secure the equalization of taxation in the state through the fair taxation of franchise property.

Millions of dollars' worth of property owned by steam and street railways and other corporations, salable in the markets and bringing interest or dividends to the holders, have escaped taxation. The burden which should have been borne by this species of property, the value of which is created by public grants and privileges, has been shifted to the shoulders of farmers, merchants, manufacturers, laborers and house owners of all occupations.

The Post-Dispatch has voiced the sentiment of the people of the state and has tried to spur the State Board of Equalization to place a fair assessment upon franchise property.

In response to the overwhelming sentiment of the voters, the Democratic party two years ago demanded in its platform that franchises be taxed, and at the subsequent session of the state legislature passed, and Gov. Dockery signed, a franchise tax bill, which is now in the statute books.

In 1898 Attorney-General Crow made an effort to raise the assessment of franchise property in the state. He directed the attention of the board particularly to the assessment of street railway property in St. Louis. He pointed out that street railway property, worth in the market $40,000,000, was assessed at about one-seventh of its value, while other property in St. Louis was assessed on a basis of two-thirds of its value.

In this effort to equalize taxation by placing a fair share of the taxes on the wealthy and powerful franchise corporations, ex-Gov. Stone ranged himself and his great influence as ex-governor and leader of his party, on the side of the tax-dodging franchise companies.

As the representative of street railway interests ex-Gov. Stone labored with the members of the board to prevent the raising of street railway assessments.

Lon V. Stephens, then governor, and Attorney-General Crow favored the resolution to increase the assessment. Secretary of State Lesueur, Auditor Seibert and Treasurer Pitts opposed it, the vote standing 3 to 2 against it. In January of the following year the Post-Dispatch published a report of the ineffectual effort in '98 to raise the assessment, and the fight was renewed with some success, the board doubling the assessment of St. Louis street railway property at the ensuing session.

Ex-Gov. Stone devoted his energies and his great personal and political influence to the work of preventing the proposed increase of taxation on franchised corporations.

To Attorney-General Crow he presented an elaborate legal argument, contending that it was not within the power of the board, under the statutes, to tax franchise property. He argued that a special law providing for franchise taxation would be necessary to enable the board to assess franchises.

To then Gov. Stephens, ex-Gov. Stone appealed against the increase of assessment, on the ground of party policy and political expediency. He urged that it would be unwise to alienate the corporate interests, because it would endanger the party's success in the nation and the state. He urged that the Democratic administration in the state should be lenient with the rich and powerful corporations, in order to gain their aid and support.

Ex-Gov. Stone's private efforts and arguments in behalf of the corporate interests greatly astonished his personal and political friends who recalled his public utterances. This astonishment was expressed in a letter written to ex-Gov. Stone by ex-Gov. Stephens in February, 1899, after the former had urged the latter to be easy on the street railways. Following is an excerpt from that letter:

"You will remember the fight we made together on the Board of Equalization for higher and more just taxation of railroad properties. And after this proud record, when you stood up at all times for the people against the corporations, you cannot understand my feelings when you came to my office and made a two hours' speech in behalf of corporations—urged that we deal with them more leniently, etc.; that if we did not we would not only lose the election in the nation but would endanger our own interests in the state.

"Why should you so change in so short a time, I cannot understand. I only hope I have not understood you. But in conferring with others, I find you made this same impression upon them."

JUST A MINUTE WITH THE POST-DISPATCH POET AND PHILOSOPHER

LAZY.

If it be true that laziness
Is only a disease—
That certain germs the soul possess,
And on the body deeply press
A love of dreamful ease,
Of fancies indolent and lazy,
Thin, nebulous, obscure and mazy,
No man, o'ercome by such a fate,
Need be ashamed or hesitate
To own the truth, that he is lazy.

It may be that the indolence
That forms the loafer's basis
Is honestly a sharp, intense
Attack, benumbing every sense,
Of uncinariasis.
Then who, in truth, could blame a fellow,
With such affliction turning yellow,
If he should seek a bower of ease,
And, fearing much this dread disease,
Sit all day long 'neath an umbrella?

No man who's full of "lazy" germs
Should be compelled to rustle,
Or brought to time in grating terms
By cold, unsympathetic firms
Which love an air of bustle.
No! Lazy men should sit in cosy,
Delightful nooks, where lights are rosy,
Nor ever be allowed to hurry,
To labor, muse or think or worry,
While making love to Jane or Josie.

The lazy man should be allowed
Alone in peace to linger,
Far from the maddening, gadding crowd,
Nor be compelled by Mammon proud
In toil to raise a finger;
And th' strenuous wight, now overrated,
With boxing gloves and shotguns freighted,
Should be—no matter how he squirms—
Held down by force, and with the germs
Of indolence inoculated.

"Out for the Stuff."

"The spirit of the age is embodied in the word 'graft,'" said a distinguished St. Louis boodler to me once upon a time.

"Of course Gov. Stone is out for the mazuma," said State Senator Frank Ferris. "Why shouldn't he be?"

There you have the philosophy of the boodler in a few words. He has a "big mitt." He is "looking for a white envelope." He is "out for the stuff." If there is "nothing stirring" in the way of a "fee," there is "nothing doing" in the way of legislation.

Isn't it simple?

Suppose that everybody did business on that principle. Suppose that every man who was elected or hired to perform a certain duty or to carry out a certain principle should "throw down" his supporters by selling out to the other side for a "dignified sum" or whatever amount he could get. What would become of the individual? Of society? Of the nation?

Suppose that all the preachers, teachers and reformers were "out for the mazuma?" Suppose that Martin Luther, Christopher Columbus, John Wesley, Savonarola and all the rest of the great ones had been "looking for a piece of money." Suppose that Theodore Roosevelt "had his mitt out." Where would we all be day after tomorrow?

No, this is not a sermon. Just wondering about things. That's all.

Now for Trouble.

O naughty Elbert Hubbard,
You Sultan of Jahore,
You have one wife upon your hands,
And yet you pine for Moore!

The boodlers used to laugh and consider it a great joke, but Kelly wept in Philadelphia and Schnettler in St. Louis, and several others are reaching for their handkerchiefs.

Now that Mr. McAdams has lectured on "The Cliff Dwellers of Southwestern America," who will depict the lives of "The Flat Dwellers of St. Louis?"

The great engineering feat to hold back the River Nile has been completed. Now will the dammed thing be good?

Idleness is a disease from which our smokestacks never suffer. They work while we sleep.

One by one the circuit attorney is putting the boodling stars in stripes.

A MISSOURI LAWYER'S STORY.

The law and the evidence appeared to be against the accused, and I relied especially upon my argument to the jury for his acquittal. The man had a wife, a frail creature, with tender blue eyes, in which the tears stood all the time, and on occasion she could and would sob in a manner to cause the jurors to raise their coat sleeves to their own eyes, while the court would be compelled to resort to his big cotton handkerchief.

I never made such thorough preparation for a jury argument as in this case, and in in order to sustain myself for the protracted flight of oratory I felt the need of a stimulant, which I knew not how to procure at the proper moment.

It was suggested by Deputy Sam Carson that when I got fairly started he would procure a tumberful of gin, give it a dash of a handful of mud, so it could not be distinguished from river water, and set it on the desk by my side.

Well, I got on swimmingly and appeared to be carrying the heavy load of 12 good men with me—everybody said so—when, after a pathetic allusion to the worse than widowed wife and worse than orphaned children, the woman reached forth her trembling, thin white hand and grasped the tumbler of old Tom gin. Evidently she mistook it for a taste of perdition or worse, and as she cast it from her with a nervous shriek I lost the attention of my jury. Some of the fellows in the courtroom were mean enough to laugh, and even the convict's wife ceased to mourn, as had been her custom.

Well, the upshot of it all was that the jury lost confidence in me. The eloquence they had believed inspired by a confidence in my client's innocence and a desire to smooth the pathway of a weeping wife they discovered had been awakened by a tumbler of gin and a handful of river sand.

The convict got 15 years and I have never been able to endure gin since.

ZEBRAS AS DRAFT ANIMALS.

The Official Gazette of Mombasa recently contained an advertisement stating that Baron Bronsart van Sheblendorff of Kilimanjaro was prepared to supply tamed, but unbroken zebras at $75 to $150 apiece, and thoroughly broken beasts at double those figures. This goes to disprove the old saying that the zebra is untamable. Indeed, this has been shown over and over again not to be the truth, for tamed zebras have before now been driven in several parts of the world.

A zebra is, for its size, the most powerful draught animal in the world—stronger even than a mule. It is also much handsomer than a mule, can travel enormous distances without tiring, and needs less care and attention than the horse. Some of the zebra tribes are 15 hands high. One that was sent by the Emperor Menelik to Queen Victoria two years ago was fully this height and enormously strong. Zebras are also fast, can travel unshod over rough country and are immune to tsetse fly bite.

The Children's Corner

Trick With Dominoes.

The performer asks the audience to match the blocks of a set of dominoes so that the numbers laid together correspond. While this is being done he leaves the room.



Returning, he announces the number of spots on the two last blocks.

Solution—The performer secretly removes a block, bearing no double number of spots. The number of spots on this block must be the end numbers on the set. To avoid detection it is advisable to change the block when the trick is to be repeated.

A Good Definition.

Teacher: Define "gentleman."

Pupil: A gentleman is a grown-up boy who used to mind his mother.

Bouncing Bubbles.

For the benefit of those readers who have never heard of carbonic acid, let us explain that it is a perfectly colorless and invisible gas, like air. But it is very much heavier than air, for even gases have weight, and some are heavier than others. Therefore, if we can fill a jar half full of carbonic acid gas and then fill it up with air the carbonic acid, if the jar is not disturbed, will remain for a time below the air, just as water would do, though you cannot see any difference between the top and bottom of the jar.

For this experiment we will use tartaric acid, which is a white powder. Mix this with an equal quantity of baking soda and put the mixture in the bottom of a large glass jar. An ounce of soda will produce seven or eight quarts of carbonic acid, so a half ounce of the mixture will be enough for a two-quart jar. Cover the jar with a piece of cardboard, with a small hole in the center. Through this hole, by means of a long-stemmed funnel, add a gill of water, very slowly, as long as bubbles of gas continue to rise from the mixture. Then gently remove the funnel, but not the cardboard.

The jar is now partly filled with carbonic acid.

With soapsuds and a pipe, which you have prepared in advance, blow a good big bubble, slip off the card and drop the bubble into the jar. If the bubble has dropped from a sufficient height it will rebound from the invisible cushion of carbonic acid like a billiard ball from a billiard cushion, and after bobbing up and down several times will remain motionless. Then replace the cover, and you have the bubble apparently suspended in air, but really floating on the carbonic acid as a wooden ball floats on water.

The effervescence or "sparkling" of soda water and mineral waters is caused by bubbles of this gas. The blue paper of a



seidlitz powder contains baking soda, with other things, and the white paper contains tartaric acid. So a seidlitz powder may be used in this trick by mixing the two powders together and then adding the water. Or ordinary baking powder, which contains both soda and tartaric acid, may be used.

A Boy's Poem.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Will you be kind enough to put the following lines in your editorial page:

TRUE SOLDIERS.

All are determined
To win or to die.
To make a brave stand,
And never to fly.

They stand by their country
Suffering tortures untold;
Performing deeds of gallantry,
Like the Knights of old.

They think of their mothers
At home far away,
Who prays for their safety,
By night and by day.

I composed these few lines and will consider it an honor to have them put in your paper.

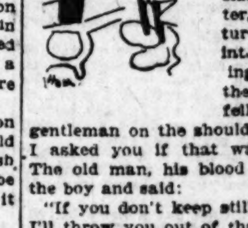
B. F.
(15 years old).

POST DISPATCH SKETCH BOOK

AN IMP ABROAD.

An elderly lady, accompanied by a small boy, boarded a westbound Olive street car.

The lad's looks indicated that he was bent on mischief. They were hardly seated then he began to observe the passengers near him, when suddenly he saw a comic cartoon in a paper which an old gentleman was reading.



The boy looked at the picture a minute, laughing, then exclaimed: "Say, mister, is that your picture?" The old man, interested in his reading, did not notice the boy. The young fellow touched the gentleman on the shoulder and said: "Say, I asked you if that was your picture?" The old man, his blood boiling, turned to the boy and said:

"If you don't keep still, you little rascal, I'll throw you out of that window."

Thereupon his mother, provoked at the lad's behavior, boxed his ears.

The boy looked sad for a time, then, glancing at the floor he noticed a broom-straw. Picking it up, he began tickling the old man's neck, who, thinking it was a bug, threw his hand to his neck, but failed to catch what was supposed to be a good-sized insect.

This amused the boy, and he laughed aloud.

The old man turned, looked at the boy for a minute, then took his paper and walked out on the platform.

The lad was surprised for a minute, and then started to look for another victim.

Suddenly the bell rang and the lady and small boy hastily left the car.

The old gentleman returned to his seat and the other passengers quieted down.

A WIFE'S EPITAPH.

Out in Bellefontaine I found the following on a monument raised to a wife's memory by the bereft husband:



"To My Angel Wife, Isabella Graham Condit Brooks: You were always satisfied, always contented. I never had to rob my employers to keep you in extravagance. How pleasant it was on coming home to meet you. God bless you.

"YOUR HUSBAND."

Although the lot was neglected, unkempt, and the grave of the sole occupant had lost its outline, the practical words of appreciation, cut in stone, still told the tale of the homely virtues of the much-prized helpmeet.

As I gazed over on the mighty Mississippi, in silent communion with the dead, the wind whispered the hope that the realization had not come too late. Perish the thought that the complete revelation had come under the administration of No. 2, who, perchance, was not similarly endowed.

SOMETHING DOING IN THE COUNTRY

Pictures and Verses by the Post-Dispatch.



Between ourself and Uncle Jim
There is a wide abysm:
We have a ravenous appetite—
He has the rheumatism.
Now, 'twixt yourself and me and Jim,
Which do you envy—me or him?

In our rounds this week we met Uncle Jim Haines, who complained of rheumatism, but informed us that he was much better ...



Here's a little item
For Jim Fisher
From his old friend
And well-wisher.

James Fisher gave the writer an apple a few days ago which grew as a second crop on one of his trees. He informed us that the bloom for this apple was on the tree when he picked the first crop and that he watched the growth of the second crop ...

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

This column is open to everybody who has a complaint to make, information to give or a subject of general interest to discuss. Letters from persons seeking employment cannot be given place in this column. All letters must be accompanied by address and signature.

Mrs. Calkins Explains.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

"A Sympathizer" taxes the humane societies with being derelict in their duties:

1. That an old woman was sent to jail by the city for keeping dogs, after the city had licensed her to keep them.
2. That the societies were taking care of Kansas City, while the old woman's pets were allowed to die of starvation.
3. That the shelter did not take them in.

As the Golden Chain Humane Society sent a representative to Kansas City to endeavor to stop a bull fight, and has maintained the only shelter for dumb animals, it would seem that the charge was aimed directly at that society.

Replying thereto, permit me to say:

1. This society is only incorporated to prevent cruelty to children and dumb animals.
2. Out of three societies and hundreds of members, only one representative of one society undertook to stop the brutal, cowardly exhibition of bull baiting in Kansas City. The Golden Chain Humane Society was not notified of the condition of these poor beasts, and have no clairvoyant on their staff; therefore, could do nothing.
3. The Golden Chain Shelter did not take them, because they knew nothing of it until they had been removed by the Humane Society of Missouri.

The Golden Chain Shelter has housed and fed homeless, forsaken, hungry and cold dumb animals for the past five years, during which time there has been donated by the "sympathizers" and "lovers of the animals" just $97.50, less than $20 per year, for their support.

If "sympathizers" were as liberal with their donations as they are with their criticisms, the shelter would not be compelled to close its doors, as we shall do in 10 days.

MARY W. CALKINS,
President Golden Chain Humane Society.

"Sleep on the Deep."

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

I will be very obliged to any of the readers of this paper who will furnish me with the words of the song entitled "Sleep On the Deep." JULIUS.
St. Louis.

Between Two Loves.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In regard to L. M. K. in last night's Post-Dispatch. I would advise her to remain single if she can't choose between the two to insure her future happiness.

Love is a passionate regard for the opposite sex, which we cannot always resist and if a person is so foolish as to want advice instead of following the dictations of her own conscience, I hardly think she knows the meaning of love.

I think, if her first love affair was a failure, and she thinks she honestly loves her second love, it is nobody's business in regard to her past love, provided nothing dishonorable was attached to it. However, if L. M. K. is so sensitive as to want to unburden her heart to Love Number Two, if he is a sensible person and really loves her, he won't get angry, but will secretly laugh over Number One's misfortune, for nothing pleases a fellow more than to beat some other fellow's "time," provided the game is worth the candle. Wishing success to L. M. K. in her difficulty, I remain,
St. Louis. CHIN-CHIN.

Continue to Work for St. Louis.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

It will not do to stop short with the idea that the World's Fair is going to do everything for us and that there are no other inducements to be found elsewhere. It is safer to be prepared and continue the good work that has been started and make a success so great that the world will be dazzled by the push and energy of the American people. The giant growth of the Soo is a very apt illustration of what belongs to this section. They are creating industries by developing all power, both natural and artificial, so as to make that region a most important manufacturing center, towards which the eyes of industry and capital are turned. Manchester, England, with her canal, has become the rival of Liverpool. What can St. Louis be with the natural resources, without calling on the artificial at all? Once action puts us in the position to receive all that is necessary to make this city the center of everything, and that action will bring to our home millions to be divided among everyone.
St. Louis. WM. L. CUMBERLAND.

Too Much Work on Socks.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

"Why do laundries in this city iron socks?" We venture to say there is not one laundryman in this city who has weighed the matter carefully, otherwise he would have abolished the extra work of ironing socks. When a sock is ironed, especially while damp, it is sure to crease it in hard ridges which irritate the feet.

Furthermore, a sock, when ironed, looks as if it had been starched. Why not utilize the time spent in ironing, in stretching and brushing the lint off. We feel confident every enterprising laundryman will agree with us.

COMMITTEE OF STUDENTS.
St. Louis.

A Correction.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Whereas the Post-Dispatch of May 14, 1902, represented me as stating that the Rev. Columbus Bradford was guilty of falsehood or violation of his ordination vows, and whereas, Mr. Bradford feels himself aggrieved thereby, it may be proper for me to say that my statement was to the effect that if the charges which I then presented against Mr. Bradford were true he was guilty of violating his ordination vows in teaching doctrines contrary to the standards of the Methodist Episcopal church, I did not assume the charges to be true, since that was the thing to be proved. Furthermore, since Mr. Bradford has assured me that he does not regard his book, which was the basis of the charges against him, as being in any respect out of harmony with the doctrinal standards of the Methodist Episcopal church, and that in his strictures upon orthodoxy he does not include any of the established doctrines of Methodism, I am willing to acquit him of all intentional dishonesty.

JOSEPH W. VAN CLEVE.
Paris, Ill., Dec. 6, 1902.

Fame of the Boodler.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Having read of the triumphal progress across the continent of our highly-esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. Charles E. Kelly of the House of Delegates—how the police seem to defer to his wishes, the ovation he met with at the Union Depot upon his return from abroad, how even our state government was represented in the person of a senator, I am fired with the desire to become a boodler—and so famous. It certainly must be an occupation of high honor, to judge from reading the papers, but how am I to get the necessary training? It seems to me the only school in the city to prepare one's self is the school of politics.

Now, Mr. Editor, this is not right; there ought to be somewhere where ambitious youths could receive the necessary training before coming of age. Why not advocate a chair of grafting at our Washington University, where the system can be thoroughly taught and diplomas awarded, which can be displayed when the holder is a candidate for civic office? Then, again, I would suggest statues in the park of the principal and most successful exponents of the science. We might have alongside the Blair statue in Forest Park another of a director depicted in the act of handing a wad of bills to a legislator, or indorsing large notes, with the motto, "I'm from Missouri, but I don't want to know." In order that the smaller operators may not be overlooked the pedestal should be ornamented with medallion portraits of legislative agents and bas-reliefs of "The Division of Spoils," etc.

I wish you would push this along as I am sure such training and object lessons would enable the rising generation to get rich quick, which, I infer from observation, reading the papers, listening to conversations of business men and observing the trend of events, is all we are here for.
St. Louis. YOUNG AMERICAN.

Her Master.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.

My darling, when the sun is down
And starlight gleams above your town,
And your sweet eyes are closed in sleep,
Yet faintly through fringed lashes peep,
While crimsoned lips lie soft apart,
What is the dream that's in your heart?

Art reminiscent of the past—
Of joys that were too frail to last?
Are visions of each conquest made
With surging fancies inte-laid?
Still thou art in "thy dream of power,
And lovely all—the belle's bright hour!"

Dream on, fair Nell, and Heaven bless
Each tinted, touseled, perfumed tress
Of thy dear head, and grant thee this—
Supremest joys, eternal bliss,
One lover only—I am he,
Grand master of thy destiny!

—GEORGE H. POWERS.

MADAM LE BRUN AND DAUGHTER

In the gallery of St. Petersburg hangs the original painting of "Madam LeBrun and Daughter." Madam LeBrun painted this portrait of herself and daughter. She was the most celebrated portrait painter of her time. She was patronized by the most distinguished individuals. Her talents were esteemed throughout Europe.

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An exquisite copy of the picture of this famous artist will be given free to every purchaser of next Sunday's Post-Dispatch. This copy is an exact copy of the original in form and color. Eleven colors are so skillfully and harmoniously blended that a connisseur cannot tell it from an oil painting.

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TO REST EASILY ON SOFT RUG

"Jim," J. P. Will Spend One Thousand Dollars Fitting Up His Courtroom.

One thousand dollars will be spent by Justice of the Peace James H. Cronin in renovating his courtroom and when the work is finished Justice Cronin believes it will be finer than any other room occupied by a justice of peace in this city.

A partition has been removed, making the main room commodious. A juryroom will be added. The walls will be papered and the woodwork painted, but the price of Justice Cronin's heart will be magistrate's bench.

This will be on a dias, near which the floor will be carpeted, perhaps with Axminster, and here and there will lie an Oriental rug. The armchair which Justice Cronin will occupy is luxuriously upholstered and upon the tall desk are vases for the many flowers that are sent daily by admirers of the new magistrate.

When the improvements are finished, not even the mayor's office, it is said, will be as magnificent.

FRUITS OF A COMPROMISE.

Fr. Coffey Says Butler Got Big Share of Spoils.

The election of certain good men and others less worthy to office, Rev. Father James T. Coffey declared, at the Cabanne Club last evening, had been accomplished by a compromise between workers for clean politics and the forces of Ed Butler. Consequently, he said, the result was not wholly commendable.

The speaker denounced existing local conditions and urged that the respectable element work for reform.

He said that the supporters of good government, outraged by what they had seen of the Eggmann administration, asked Butler for mercy and were told they were a

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TUTHS WILLING, BUT DEFICIEN[T]

McKenna's "Unknown" Proved Himself Only a Preliminary Fighter.

BY J. E. WRAY.

Michael Angelo Tuths, fistic artist, "known." He was discovered last night at the West End Club attempting to palm off an alleged boxing contest, which he lost in 20 rounds to Hugh McPadden of New York, on a confiding public. The discoverer of Mr. Tuths will not profit anybody so that it can be noticed, and Mr. McKenna need not worry about any insidious manager stepping in to poison the mind of his phenomenon against him and steal him away.

Somewhere in this vale of tears there may live a worse boxer than Michael Angelo, but as yet his light is hidden under a bushel. For his own sake we warn any such person to remain in hiding, otherwise the experience of Michael Angelo as received last night at the hands of Hugh McPadden may await the unfortunate.

Michael attempted to remove a few leaves from the laurels of McPadden's wreath. If Michael had had a tree trimmer with him and stood outside of the ring he might have landed a few leaves of the bay. As it was he had about as much chance with McPadden as the ant had to push the elephant off the gangplank of the ark.

For 20 rounds Tuths played the part of "easy mark." If there was a spot on his person above the waist that McPadden did not hit it was an oversight, for Tuths' opponent tried hard to bruise every exposed part of the McKenna prodigy's person, and succeeded.

Summed up, Tuths' exhibition revealed a laughable want of science, a sublime patience under difficulties and a capacity for enduring punishment worthy of better aims.

Full of Fight at the End.

The last-named virtue enabled him to go the limit of the bout under a rain of blows from his opponent and to leave him at the end of the fray still full of fight though beaten and bruised.

All the battering of McPadden seemed to make no impression on his body, nerve and determination beyond occasionally rousing him to more desperate, though futile efforts. Had be placed himself between a granitoid sidewalk and a falling safe he might possibly have been knocked out. Judging from his enduring powers last night, even under the hypothetical conditions, it is an even chance the safe would have broken.

The story of the fight is the same for all rounds. McPadden, panther-like, was at his opponent all the time, landing with his left at will, but seemingly afraid to take chances on encountering Tuth's fabled punch. He jabbed and stung, but when Tuths was apparently wide open and all in, McPadden failed to rush into the breach with a blow that could hurt.

Tuth's efforts to protect himself were laughable. At times he simply ducked down his head and crossed his arms over, waiting what was coming. He did this repeatedly and at times the crowd thought he was quitting.

Tuth's defensive methods were so bizarre that for a time they phased McPadden.

McPadden Feared Knockout Punch.

He had heard that Tuths was a fox who played dead and then woke up at the critical period with a knockout punch and therefore he failed to take advantage of Tuths' uncouth defensive methods. At other times, Tuths' very ignorance of the game served him for McPadden had not the vaguest idea of what his enemy would do, being assured that he would not follow any set rules for boxing.

Tuths' aggressiveness consisted in setting himself with both hands ready for a swing, his right glove poised as a stone cutter holds his mallet for an attack on a tough block. By the time Tuths was ready to let his glove loose at his opponent, the latter had been telegraphed of the fact several seconds before and was out of reach.

Once or twice McKenna's man shook up his opponent with stomach punches, but they were rare enough to do no damage. For the most part his net aggressive results were continued slaps on McPadden's wrist, received as the latter was going away.

Tuths Has Good Recuperative Powers.

Tuths appeared in a bad way once or twice, but his recuperative powers brought him through nicely. That he did not go down and out was a matter of wonderment to the crowd for he was hit hard and often.

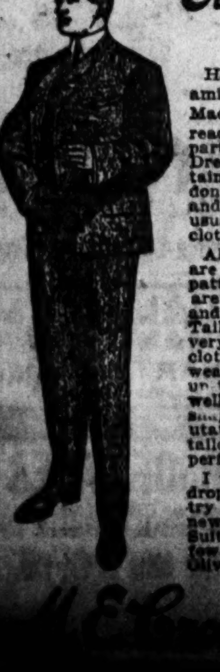
McPadden is fast, clever and aggressive. He showed himself a good left hand fighter with not very much of a punch. He was taking no chances, however, and was merely out to win.

McKenna has advertised Tuths to knock Abe Attell out in 10 rounds. In order to come within hailing distance of Attell he would have to hire a special train and then he would need a megaphone.

Tuths' proper sphere is that which he left—preliminary. He is game, is strong and willing, but his knowledge of the game is entirely insufficient. A hard hitter like Broad, who has some knowledge of how to fight, should put Mr. Tuths to the bad very shortly.

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Cocked-Hat.

Mound City League—Eagles vs. Blue Ribbons, on Crescent alleys.

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Moxter	7	14	54	60	69	55	45	283	56 3-5
Klein	4	43	30	44	41	30	34	179	35 4-5
Delkeskamp	6	39	28	46	47	56	50	227	45 2-5
Nay	8	30	47	40	54	34	8	5210	42
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WORLD'S FAIR LEAGUE.

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Laubach	10	38	33	50	39	40	36	198	39 3-5
Williams	6	25	42	45	42	54	57	240	48
Temper	8	18	45	36	50	41	55	227	45 2-5
Totals	40	149	188	202	204	229	237	1060	42 10-25

BROADWAYS (1).

Name.	C.	M.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	T'l.	Av.
D. Schaefer	7	27	[illegible]	32	40	[illegible]	54	211	42 1-5
Helderle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	41	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

THE HAMMER COLUMN

Capt. P. J. Carmory is still "rubbering" around for a racetrack of some sort. We dislike to descend to the use of argot in the instance "rubber," but it is the only word which adequately expresses the elasticity of Carmody's disposition.

The former manager of Kinloch has had his patience stretched beyond all limits, been sat upon by syndicates and squeezed by autocratic turf bodies until only a caoutchouc temper could come back to the normal each time, as his has.

His persistence deserves reward and has very little chance of getting it. What he will get will fit in somewhere between the Adam's apple and the collar button, according to the present outlook.

Mr. Carmody is after establishing a combination racing and trotting course on his property at Union and Easton avenues. He would dally with the runners for 30 days and at other times would cater to the harness element.

The idea is not bad and might turn out a profitable investment, provided the legislature could be induced to act and reform the breeders' bill.

WHY RUNNERS AT ALL?

That degraded instrument will hardly consent to have its career tampered with and the Western Jockey Club will certainly not agree to give dates to a track that is not built.

Now that we think of it, why should our esteemed friend, Capt. Carmody, dally with the runners at all? Trotting is just as profitable as running and gets the public's money just as readily. The bookmakers find just as many opportunities of fixing races and all the excitement incident to losing your money on the running turf is present.

If the game proves a little slow and action is not fast enough to keep currency changing rapidly, heats might be dispensed with, as is talked of, and dash races be introduced as in running meets.

Our private impression of the situation is that Mr. Carmody has the wrong idea of racing. The captain harps on giving the public the best to be had in every way. This is not progressive race method. The up-to-date plan is to give the public as little as possible and keep all you can.

Backwoods policies never succeed in this world, even in sport.

THE CO-OPERATIVE GAME.

A correspondent who addresses us today evidently labors under the impression that we are the financial editor and control the output of at least three mints besides being general manager of one or two commercial agencies.

He writes: "Dear Mr. Hammer—Would you inform me if co-operative bookmaking concerns are safe to invest money with and how they can afford to guarantee weekly dividends?"

We respectfully protest that we cannot qualify as an expert. We have had but one financial problem confronting us during our career and that was how to satisfy a Delmonico appetite with quick lunch.

It has been a case of the "quick or the dead," and we have so far managed to worry along by closing our eyes to certain details in the cuisine. Our success in this matter hardly qualifies us to pass on more intricate financial problems.

Speaking from private conviction, however, we may inform our correspondent that investments made in co-operative bookmaking concerns are undoubtedly safe. We have never heard of any difficulty arising as to the investment of funds in such companies. The difficulty generally comes when you want to withdraw your investment, if not sooner.

As to how they can afford to guarantee weekly dividends, we have only to reply to the question with a counter query and inquire how you can guarantee the collector you will pay your tailor the balance due on his account next Monday, when you know that on the occasion specified a beer check rattling disconsolately against a dime will probably be your sole pecuniary reliance.

We may further inform our correspondent that there are companies who pay the dividends guaranteed or have been doing so. As to how they can do that, the problem is simple to grasp if you have ever been to a racetrack. If you have, nothing further need be said. If you have not, we suggest that you learn, as we did—go there and try to beat the bookmakers.

Weak stomach made strong by Sulphogen (anti-ferment). Sulphogen Chem. Co., St. L.

Coach O'Dea of Missouri University announces that he will quit football and study law. His failure to win the Thanksgiving Day game with the Tiger team has [illegible]

TWO LEAGUES TO CONFER TODAY

Framing of a New National Agreement Expected as a Result.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The two baseball factions will be in conference here at 11 o'clock today. A decisive step to this end was taken last night in the solution of the baseball tangle.

On Wednesday the National League sent a note to Ban Johnson proposing a conference. Johnson waited nearly thirty hours, during which he was in conference with his associates. He then wrote Garry Hermann, agreeing to meet the National Leaguers today.

Hermann submitted Johnson's note to the magnates. Those who will take part in the conference are Ban Johnson, president of the American League; Charles Somers of Cleveland; J. F. Kilfoyle, president of the Cleveland Club; August Hermann of Cincinnati; James H. Hart of Chicago and Frank de Hass Robison of St. Louis, the latter three representing the National League.

Neither Hermann, Robison or Hart would give any intimation as to what propositions they will have to make. The American Leaguers were more communicative.

"C. W. Sommers said: "We will have three propositions to submit to our friends. First, the two leagues should recognize each other's reserves so that we can build up our teams without having players leave us just when they become valuable. Secondly, there is to be no change in the American League's territory. Under no circumstances will we leave New York City. Thirdly, non-conflicting dates and an interchange of games between local teams, before and after the season."

To this Ban Johnson added that all players who have taken advance money and then jumped their contracts shall be forever barred from all clubs.

It is expected that one result of the negotiations will be the framing of a new national agreement, under which the minor leagues will be protected.

MUST STEAM UP EARLY IN THE GAME

Ten Rounds All Law Allows McGovern and Corbett.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Ten rounds will have to suffice for deciding the championship bout between Terry McGovern and Young Corbett. While many championship fights have been ended during a briefer period, few have been necessarily so limited. When asked if the limitation would hamper him, Young Corbett said: "Why should it? It didn't take me 10 rounds to whip McGovern before. It will not this time, either."

The reason for the shortness of the proposed contest is that the Detroit regulations permit only 10-round contests, and it was officially decided yesterday that Detroit should have the scrap.

Tim Hurst, for the Southern Athletic Club of Louisville, refused to post more than $2500 forfeit, and the match was turned over to Billy Considine of the Metropolitan Athletic Club, Detroit, upon the representation that he deposited a $5000 guarantee to pull off the fight.

The fighters will receive 62½ per cent of the gate receipts, to be divided in proportions of 75 percent to the winner and 25 percent to the loser.

Young Corbett will train at Mount Clemens and McGovern at West Baden.

ALL-AMERICAN BOWLING SCORES

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 12.—The All-American bowling team won four games and lost one here yesterday. The following is the grand totals of afternoon games:

Two-men team—All-Americans, 757; Acmes, 582.

Individuals—Wolf, All-Americans, 352; Tolman, Acmes, 311.

Grand totals, evening games: All-Americans, 2715; Acmes, 2533.

Following is the record of the All-Americans up to date:

Games won, 246; games lost, 39; high score, 667; high individual score, 279; highest total, 2069.

The contest for the Schmelzer silver loving cup closed tonight and was won by the Oklahoma City team, with a score of 2849.

Manager Sam Karpf of the All-Americans said tonight: "The trip will end officially on Jan. 9, but the team will go to the Atlantic coast and play in Baltimore, New York, Boston, Washington and other large cities."

CATARRH

Often begins with a cold in the head, but it never stops there. The tendency is always from bad to worse. The simple cold becomes a protracted, stubborn one, the hot, watery discharge from the nose thickens, and is more profuse and offensive. The inflammation extends to the throat and bronchial tubes, causing hoarseness, a tickling sensation and an aggravating cough. The foul matter that is continually dropping back into the throat finds its way into the stomach, resulting in a distressing form of dyspepsia, nausea, loss of appetite and strength. The catarrhal poisons are absorbed into the blood, and all the membranes and tissues of the body become infected,

THE GATEWAY TO CONSUMPTION.

and what was supposed to be purely a local disease has become constitutional, deep-seated and chronic.

Sprays, washes, powders, salves and other external remedies give only temporary relief, and the disappointed and disgusted patient finally gives up in despair and declares catarrh incurable.

The only way to get rid of catarrh permanently is to treat it through the blood. The system must be toned up and all impurities removed from the blood, and this S. S. S. does promptly and thoroughly. It expels from the circulation everything of an irritating, poisonous character, allowing the inflamed membranes to heal when the mucous discharges cease, and the damage done to the health is soon repaired. S. S. S. keeps the blood in such a healthy, vigorous condition that cold, damp weather or sudden changes in the temperature are not so apt to bring on catarrhal troubles. S. S. S. is a vegetable medicine unequaled as a blood purifier, and the best of all tonics—just such a remedy as is needed to thoroughly and effectually cure catarrh.

SSS

[illegible] Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Four Members of High School's Basket Ball Team.

These Players Were Champions of the High School Last Season and Are Now Playing in the Tournament for the Teachers' Cup at Louisiana Hall.



Left to right—Moser, Varnadore, Langenberg, Cooker.

OLYMPIAN GAMES FOR WORLD'S FAIR

Committee Is Willing to Change Place, But Will Not Postpone Events.

According to a Paris cablegram, Baron Coubertin, president of the International Olympian games committee, states that the proposition to transfer the 1904 contests from Chicago to St. Louis is agreeable to the committee, and that no postponement of the exhibition to 1905, as contemplated by the Chicago committee, will be agreed to by the controlling body. It is further stated that this decision on the part of the Paris committee has been forwarded to President Roosevelt and will be officially announced in a short time.

As soon as the President informs the World's Fair authorities of the decision of the games committee, arrangements will be started for taking care of the international contests. A stadium will be constructed and negotiations entered into, looking toward securing the entries of the most noted athletes in the world.

Old Scenter Rye Is Mellow.

And wholesome. Ask for it. H. L. Griesedieck & Co., distributers, St. Louis.

HAUGHTON KEEPS THINGS STIRRING

He Will Present McClelland and McPadden in Contest Next Tuesday.

President Haughton of the West End Club announced this morning that Jack McClelland and Hugh McPadden had been matched to box 20 rounds at the West End Club next Thursday.

Jack McClelland and Red Mason were spectators at the Tuths-McPadden scrap last night. McClelland bears a cut under his right eye and one over his left eye, which, he says, he received while wrestling. McClelland came here direct from his fight at Jackson, Mich., with Ole Oleson, with whom he drew.

Spike Sullivan, brother of Dave Sullivan, won the English lightweight championship last night at London. Spike defeated Bill Chester in the fourteenth round of their engagement for $1000.

George Gardner made Billy Stiftf look like a novice in their match last night at Chicago. Stift was badly outclassed and would have been knocked out in the last round but for the bell. Stift was floored eight times during this interval and was barely able to walk to his corner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Robert Fitzsimmons' recent announcement that he is ready to fight again has brought forth a quick reply from Billy Madden, manager of Gus Ruhlin.

Madden says Fitzsimmons can meet Ruhlin and get $2500 from the Penn Athletic Club of Philadelphia for a six-round bout. The offer also holds good for Jeffries.

POOL TOURNAMENT ON.

St. Louis Club Holds Its Annual Competition.

The annual pool tournament of St. Louis Club, for the Pierce trophy, will start at the clubhouse Dec. 20. Four classes have been nominated, the winner in each to receive a prize and the honor of battling for the Pierce trophy at the finish.

The emblem can be permanently acquired only after two successive victories by the same player.

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"DOPE" NEEDLE IS RULED OFF TURF

Those Who Use Stimulants on Horses Will Be Disqualified.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—In the future any person who administers "dope" to a horse will be ruled off the turf. Heretofore a suspension or fine was the punishment inflicted, but at a meeting of the jockey club stewards it was decided to enforce in future the limit of their authority to rule off such offenders.

This amendment provides for the ruling off of any person "who shall have administered a drug or stimulant, internally or by hypodermic method, prior to a race, or who shall have used appliances, electrical or mechanical, other than the ordinary whip and spurs."

It was decided that "whenever husband or wife is on the forfeit list, all disabilities shall apply to both."

Cold Weather Coming.

Keep warm. $4.95 and $7.35 buys young men's $8.50 and $12.50 suits. Globe, Seventh and Franklin.

Sportsmen's Protective League.

The next meeting of the League will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, at 8 o'clock, at Delabar's Hall, southeast corner Broadway and Elm.

This will be the last meeting of the year. Prof. A. W. Greeley of Washington University, lecturer on ornithology and zoology, will be present and speak on a subject of interest to sportsmen.

PIGSKIN STRING TO APPROPRIATION

Statesman Slate Proposes to Abolish Football at M. S. U.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 11.—What promises to be the first attempt to secure legislation in this state against the game of football as commonly played by American colleges was announced here yesterday.

J. G. Slate, formerly representative from Marion County, stated that he would lobby to have action taken against the game by the next legislature.

His plan of operation is to tack a rider upon the state university and other institutional appropriations bills, making the payment of donations conditional upon the abolishment of football at those institutions.

Slate is compiling statistics to show the fatalities resulting from the game, and intends to go before the committee on appropriations with his statistics.

Train leaves foot of Olive street 1, 1:30 and 2:40.

ST. LOUIS STUDENT WON.

A dispatch to the Post-Dispatch from Cambridge, Mass., states that at the annual awarding of prizes and distinctions at Harvard University yesterday, Herman Theodore Fick of St. Louis, of the class of '02, was given final honors in the classics.

Ex-Secretary Long delivered the address at the exercises, which were held in Sanders Theater.



"NO NO!" SAID THE SAW.
"I'M AFTER YOU, SIR HEMLOCK SOLE!"
"AND YOU TWO MESSRS. "YANKEE OAK" AND "[illegible]"
"I'LL SHOW YOU UP—FOR MASQUERADING AS REAL OAK,—WHEN YOU'RE ONLY A PRETTY PARODY!"

Every Regal Shoe has a sole of genuine old fashioned Oak tannage, [illegible]

BASEBALL — PEACE FLAG STILL WAVES — PUGILISM — MIKE TUTHS AN EXPLODED MYTH — BOWLING — LIGHT SCHEDULE ON TONIGHT — SPORT

TUTHS WILLING, BUT DEFICIENT

McKenna's "Unknown" Proved Himself Only a Preliminary Fighter.

BY J. E. WRAY.

Michael Angelo Tuths, fistic artist, is "known." He was discovered last night at the West End Club attempting to palm off an alleged boxing contest, which he lost in 20 rounds to Hugh McPadden of New York, on a confiding public. The discoverer of Mr. Tuths will not profit anybody so that it can be noticed, and Mr. McKenna need not worry about any insidious manager stepping in to poison the mind of his phenomenon against him and steal him away.

Somewhere in this vale of tears there may live a worse boxer than Michael Angelo, but as yet his light is hidden under a bushel. For his own sake we warn any such person to remain in hiding, otherwise the experience of Michael Angelo as received last night at the hands of Hugh McPadden may await the unfortunate.

Michael attempted to remove a few leaves from the laurels of McPadden's wreath. If Michael had had a tree trimmer with him and stood outside of the ring he might have landed a few leaves of the bay. As it was he had about as much chance with McPadden as the ant had to push the elephant off the gangplank of the ark.

For 20 rounds Tuths played the part of "easy mark." If there was a spot on his person above the waist that McPadden did not hit it was an oversight, for Tuths' opponent tried hard to bruise every exposed part of the McKenna prodigy's person, and succeeded.

Summed up, Tuths' exhibition revealed a laughable want of science, a sublime patience under difficulties and a capacity for enduring punishment worthy of better aims.

Full of Fight at the End.

The last-named virtue enabled him to go the limit of the bout under a rain of blows from his opponent and to leave him at the end of the fray still full of fight though beaten and bruised.

All the battering of McPadden seemed to make no impression on his body, nerve and determination beyond occasionally rousing him to more desperate, though futile efforts. Had he placed himself between a granitoid sidewalk and a falling safe he might possibly have been knocked out. Judging from his enduring powers last night, even under the hypothetical conditions, it is an even chance the safe would have broken.

The story of the fight is the same for all rounds. McPadden, panther-like, was at his opponent all the time, landing with his left at will, but seemingly afraid to take chances on encountering Tuth's fabled punch. He jabbed and stung, but when Tuths was apparently wide open and all in, McPadden failed to rush into the breach with a blow that could hurt.

Tuth's efforts to protect himself were laughable. At times he simply ducked down his head and crossed his arms over, waiting what was coming. He did this repeatedly and at times the crowd thought he was quitting.

Tuth's defensive methods were so bizarre that for a time they phased McPadden.

McPadden Feared Knockout Punch.

He had heard that Tuths was a fox who played dead and then woke up at the critical period with a knockout punch and therefore he failed to take advantage of Tuths' uncouth defensive methods. At other times, Tuths' very ignorance of the game served him for McPadden had not the vaguest idea of what his enemy would do, being assured that he would not follow any set rules for boxing.

Tuths' aggressiveness consisted in setting himself with both hands ready for a swing, his right glove poised as a stone cutter holds his mallet for an attack on a tough block. By the time Tuths was ready to let his glove loose at his opponent, the latter had been telegraphed of the fact several seconds before and was out of reach.

Once or twice McKenna's man shook up his opponent with stomach punches, but they were rare enough to do no damage. For the most part his net aggressive results were continued slaps on McPadden's wrist, received as the latter was going away.

Tuths Has Good Recuperative Powers.

Tuths appeared in a bad way once or twice, but his recuperative powers brought him through nicely. That he did not go down and out was a matter of wonderment to the crowd for he was hit hard and often.

McPadden is fast, clever and aggressive. He showed himself a good left hand fighter with not very much of a punch. He was taking no chances, however, and was merely out to win.

McKenna has advertised Tuths to knock Abe Attell out in 10 rounds. In order to come within hailing distance of Attell he would have to hire a special train and then he would need a megaphone.

Tuths' proper sphere is that which he left—preliminary. He is game, is strong and willing, but his knowledge of the game is entirely insufficient. A hard hitter like Broad, who has some knowledge of how to fight, should put Mr. Tuths to the bad very shortly.

CROAK'S CHATS WITH THE GOOD DRESSER

Clothing Department.



Custom-Made.

Have you ever examined my Custom-Made clothing in my ready-to-wear department? As a Good Dresser you will certainly be interested—don't mistake this and think I carry the usual ready-made clothing.

All my garments are cut from my own patterns, materials are selected by me and made by Custom Tailors. This is the very finest class of clothing a man can wear: is exclusive, up-to-date by being well tailored holds shape, also my reputation as a fine tailor guarantees a perfect fit.

I would like you to drop in some day and try on one of my new four-button Sack Suits. You will see a few samples in my Olive Street windows.

M. E. Croak & Co.

"I See My Finish."



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Reisse	8	34	41	41	34	38	47	201	40 1-5
Brenner	6	22	51	44	42	52	39	228	46 3-5
Totals	37	170	209	194	182	204	206	995	39 20-25

SEARLE & HERETHS.

Name.	C.	M.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	T'l.	Av.
Moxter	7	14	54	60	69	55	45	283	56 3-5
Klein	4	43	30	44	41	30	34	179	35 4-5
Delkeskamp	6	39	28	46	47	56	50	227	45 2-5
Nay	8	30	47	40	54	34	8	5210	42
Enderle	5	19	53	58	55	56	46	268	53 3-5
Totals	30	145	212	248	266	231	210	1167	46 17-25

MOUND CITY PAINTS.

Name.	C.	M.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	T'l.	Av.
Assman	4	16	88	52	57	56	44	292	58 2-5
Ernst	6	36	39	39	49	31	48	206	41 1-5
Brueggeman	3	39	48	41	35	38	62	225	45
Higbee	3	30	42	34	53	41	60	230	46
Neu	9	34	34	48	39	43	37	196	39 1-5
Totals	25	155	246	209	233	209	252	1149	45 24-25

WORLD'S FAIR LEAGUE.

BLACK LABELS (4).

Name.	C.	M.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	T'l.	Av.
Klinge	7	24	40	37	42	54	47	220	44
Schiller	9	44	28	34	31	40	42	175	35
Laubach	10	38	33	30	39	40	36	198	39 3-5
Williams	6	25	42	45	42	54	57	240	48
Temper	8	18	45	36	50	41	55	227	45 2-5
Totals	40	149	188	202	204	229	237	1060	42 10-25

BROADWAYS (1).

Name.	C.	M.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	T'l.	Av.
D. Schaefer	7	27	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	211	42 1-5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

THE HAMMER COLUMN

Capt. P. J. Carmory is still "rubbering" around for a racetrack of some sort. We dislike to descend to the use of argot in the instance "rubber," but it is the only word which adequately expresses the elasticity of Carmody's disposition.

The former manager of Kinloch has had his patience stretched beyond all limits, been sat upon by syndicates and squeezed by autocratic turf bodies until only a caoutchouc temper could come back to the normal each time, as his has.

His persistence deserves reward and has very little chance of getting it. What he will get will fit in somewhere between the Adam's apple and the collar button, according to the present outlook.

Mr. Carmody is after establishing a combination racing and trotting course on his property at Union and Easton avenues. He would dally with the runners for 30 days and at other times would cater to the harness element.

The idea is not bad and might turn out a profitable investment, provided the legislature could be induced to act and reform the breeders' bill.

WHY RUNNERS AT ALL?

That degraded instrument will hardly consent to have its career tampered with and the Western Jockey Club will certainly not agree to give dates to a track that is not built.

Now that we think of it, why should our esteemed friend, Capt. Carmody, daily with the runners at all? Trotting is just as profitable as running and gets the public's money just as readily. The bookmakers find just as many opportunities of fixing races and all the excitement incident to losing your money on the running turf is present.

If the game proves a little slow and action is not fast enough to keep currency changing rapidly, heats might be dispensed with, as is talked of, and dash races be introduced as in running meets.

Our private impression of the situation is that Mr. Carmody has the wrong idea of racing. The captain harps on giving the public the best to be had in every way. This is not progressive race method. The up-to-date plan is to give the public as little as possible and keep all you can.

Backwoods policies never succeed in this world, even in sport.

THE CO-OPERATIVE GAME.

A correspondent who addresses us today evidently labors under the impression that we are the financial editor and control the output of at least three mints besides being general manager of one or two commercial agencies.

He writes: "Dear Mr. Hammer—Would you inform me if co-operative bookmaking concerns are safe to invest money with and how they can afford to guarantee weekly dividends?"

We respectfully protest that we cannot qualify as an expert. We have had but one financial problem confronting us during our career and that was how to satisfy a Delmonico appetite with quick lunch.

It has been a case of the "quick or the dead," and we have so far managed to worry along, by closing our eyes to certain details in the cuisine. Our success in this matter hardly qualifies us to pass on more intricate financial problems.

Speaking from private conviction, however, we may inform our correspondent that investments made in co-operative bookmaking concerns are undoubtedly safe. We have never heard of any difficulty arising as to the investment of funds in such companies. The difficulty generally comes when you want to withdraw your investment, if not sooner.

As to how they can afford to guarantee weekly dividends, we have only to reply to the question with a counter query and inquire how you can guarantee the collector you will pay your tailor the balance due on his account next Monday, when you know that on the occasion specified a beer check rattling disconsolately against a dime will probably be your sole pecuniary reliance.

We may further inform our correspondent that there are companies who pay the dividends guaranteed or have been doing so. As to how they can do that, the problem is simple to grasp if you have ever been to a racetrack. If you have, nothing further need be said. If you have not, we suggest that you learn, as we did—go there and try to beat the bookmakers.

Weak stomach made strong by Sulphogen (anti-ferment). Sulphogen Chem. Co., St. L.

Coach O'Dea of Missouri University announces that he will quit football and study law. His failure to win the Thanksgiving Day game with the Tiger team has [illegible]

TWO LEAGUES TO CONFER TODAY

Framing of a New National Agreement Expected as a Result.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The two baseball factions will be in conference here at 11 o'clock today. A decisive step to this end was taken last night in the solution of the baseball tangle.

On Wednesday the National League sent a note to Ban Johnson proposing a conference. Johnson waited nearly thirty hours, during which he was in conference with his associates. He then wrote Garry Hermann, agreeing to meet the National Leaguers today.

Hermann submitted Johnson's note to the magnates. Those who will take part in the conference are Ban Johnson, president of the American League; Charles Somers of Cleveland; J. F. Kilfoyle, president of the Cleveland Club; August Hermann of Cincinnati; James H. Hart of Chicago and Frank de Hass Robison of St. Louis, the latter three representing the National League.

Neither Hermann, Robison or Hart would give any intimation as to what propositions they will have to make. The American Leaguers were more communicative.

"C. W. Sommers said: "We will have three propositions to submit to our friends. First, the two leagues should recognize each other's reserves so that we can build up our teams without having players leave us just when they become valuable. Secondly, there is to be no change in the American League's territory. Under no circumstances will we leave New York City. Thirdly, non-conflicting dates and an interchange of games between local teams, before and after the season."

To this Ban Johnson added that all players who have taken advance money and then jumped their contracts shall be forever barred from all clubs.

It is expected that one result of the negotiations will be the framing of a new national agreement, under which the minor leagues will be protected.

MUST STEAM UP EARLY IN THE GAME

Ten Rounds All Law Allows McGovern and Corbett.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Ten rounds will have to suffice for deciding the championship bout between Terry McGovern and Young Corbett. While many championship fights have been ended during a briefer period, few have been necessarily so limited. When asked if the limitation would hamper him, Young Corbett said: "Why should it? It didn't take me 10 rounds to whip McGovern before. It will not this time, either."

The reason for the shortness of the proposed contest is that the Detroit regulations permit only 10-round contests, and it was officially decided yesterday that Detroit should have the scrap.

Tim Hurst, for the Southern Athletic Club of Louisville, refused to post more than $2500 forfeit, and the match was turned over to Billy Considine of the Metropolitan Athletic Club, Detroit, upon the representation that he deposited a $5000 guarantee to pull off the fight.

The fighters will receive 62½ per cent of the gate receipts, to be divided in proportions of 75 percent to the winner and 25 percent to the loser.

Young Corbett will train at Mount Clemens and McGovern at West Baden.

ALL-AMERICAN BOWLING SCORES

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 12.—The All-American bowling team won four games and lost one here yesterday. The following is the grand totals of afternoon games:

Two-men team—All-Americans, 757; Acmes, 582.

Individuals—Wolf, All-Americans, 352; Tolman, Acmes, 311.

Grand totals, evening games: All-Americans, 2715; Acmes, 2533.

Following is the record of the All-Americans up to date:

Games won, 246; games lost, 39; high score, 667; high individual score, 279; highest total, 2089.

The contest for the Schmelzer silver loving cup closed tonight and was won by the Oklahoma City team, with a score of 2849.

Manager Sam Karpf of the All-Americans said tonight: "The trip will end officially on Jan. 9, but the team will go to the Atlantic coast and play in Baltimore, New York, Boston, Washington and other large cities."

CATARRH

Often begins with a cold in the head, but it never stops there. The tendency is always from bad to worse. The simple cold becomes a protracted, stubborn one, the hot, watery discharge from the nose thickens, and is more profuse and offensive. The inflammation extends to the throat and bronchial tubes, causing hoarseness, a tickling sensation and an aggravating cough. The foul matter that is continually dropping back into the throat finds its way into the stomach, resulting in a distressing form of dyspepsia, nausea, loss of appetite and strength. The catarrhal poisons are absorbed into the blood, and all the membranes and tissues of the body become infected, and what was supposed to be purely a local disease has become constitutional, deep-seated and chronic.

THE GATEWAY TO CONSUMPTION.

Sprays, washes, powders, salves and other external remedies give only temporary relief, and the disappointed and disgusted patient finally gives up in despair and declares catarrh incurable.

The only way to get rid of catarrh permanently is to treat it through the blood. The system must be toned up and all impurities removed from the blood, and this S. S. S. does promptly and thoroughly. It expels from the circulation everything of an irritating, poisonous character, allowing the inflamed membranes to heal when the mucous discharges cease, and the damage done to the health is soon repaired. S. S. S. keeps the blood in such a healthy, vigorous condition that cold, damp weather or sudden changes in the temperature are not so apt to bring on catarrhal troubles. S. S. S. is a vegetable medicine unequaled as a blood purifier, and the best of all tonics—just such a remedy as is needed to thoroughly and effectually cure catarrh.

SSS

[illegible] Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Four Members of High School's Basket Ball Team.

These Players Were Champions of the High School Last Season and Are Now Playing in the Tournament for the Teachers' Cup at Louisiana Hall.



Left to right—Moser, Varnadore, Langenberg, Cooker.

OLYMPIAN GAMES FOR WORLD'S FAIR

Committee Is Willing to Change Place, But Will Not Postpone Events.

According to a Paris cablegram, Baron Coubertin, president of the International Olympian games committee, states that the proposition to transfer the 1904 contests from Chicago to St. Louis is agreeable to the committee, and that no postponement of the exhibition to 1905, as contemplated by the Chicago committee, will be agreed to by the controlling body. It is further stated that this decision on the part of the Paris committee has been forwarded to President Roosevelt and will be officially announced in a short time.

As soon as the President informs the World's Fair authorities of the decision of the games committee, arrangements will be started for taking care of the international contests. A stadium will be constructed and negotiations entered into, looking toward securing the entries of the most noted athletes in the world.

Old Scenter Rye Is Mellow.

And wholesome. Ask for it. H. L. Griesedieck & Co., distributers, St. Louis.

HAUGHTON KEEPS THINGS STIRRING

He Will Present McClelland and McPadden in Contest Next Tuesday.

President Haughton of the West End Club announced this morning that Jack McClelland and Hugh McPadden had been matched to box 20 rounds at the West End Club next Thursday.

Jack McClelland and Red Mason were spectators at the Tuths-McPadden scrap last night. McClelland bears a cut under his right eye and one over his left eye, which, he says, he received while wrestling. McClelland came here direct from his fight at Jackson, Mich., with Ole Oleson, with whom he drew.

Spike Sullivan, brother of Dave Sullivan, won the English lightweight championship last night at London. Spike defeated Bill Chester in the fourteenth round of their engagement for $1000.

George Gardner made Billy Stiftf look like a novice in their match last night at Chicago. Stift was badly outclassed and would have been knocked out in the last round but for the bell. Stift was floored eight times during this interval and was barely able to walk to his corner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Robert Fitzsimmons' recent announcement that he is ready to fight again has brought forth a quick reply from Billy Madden, manager of Gus Ruhlin.

Madden says Fitzsimmons can meet Ruhlin and get $2500 from the Penn Athletic Club of Philadelphia for a six-round bout. The offer also holds good for Jeffries.

POOL TOURNAMENT ON.

St. Louis Club Holds Its Annual Competition.

The annual pool tournament of St. Louis Club, for the Pierce trophy, will start at the clubhouse Dec. 20. Four classes have been nominated, the winner in each to receive a prize and the honor of battling for the Pierce trophy at the finish.

The emblem can be permanently acquired only after two successive victories by the same player.

F. R. Rice won the event in 1901 and [illegible]

"DOPE" NEEDLE IS RULED OFF TURF

Those Who Use Stimulants on Horses Will Be Disqualified.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—In the future any person who administers "dope" to a horse will be ruled off the turf. Heretofore a suspension or fine was the punishment inflicted, but at a meeting of the jockey club stewards it was decided to enforce in future the limit of their authority to rule off such offenders.

This amendment provides for the ruling off of any person "who shall have administered a drug or stimulant, internally or by hypodermic method, prior to a race, or who shall have used appliances, electrical or mechanical, other than the ordinary whip and spurs."

It was decided that "whenever husband or wife is on the forfeit list, all disabilities shall apply to both."

Cold Weather Coming.

Keep warm. $4.95 and $7.35 buys young men's $8.50 and $12.50 suits. Globe, Seventh and Franklin.

Sportsmen's Protective League.

The next meeting of the League will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, at 8 o'clock, at Delabar's Hall, southeast corner Broadway and Elm.

This will be the last meeting of the year. Prof. A. W. Greeley of Washington University, lecturer on ornithology and zoology, will be present and speak on a subject of interest to sportsmen.

PIGSKIN STRING TO APPROPRIATION

Statesman Slate Proposes to Abolish Football at M. S. U.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 11.—What promises to be the first attempt to secure legislation in this state against the game of football as commonly played by American colleges was announced here yesterday.

J. G. Slate, formerly representative from Marion County, stated that he would lobby to have action taken against the game by the next legislature.

His plan of operation is to tack a rider upon the state university and other institutional appropriations bills, making the payment of donations conditional upon the abolishment of football at those institutions.

Slate is compiling statistics to show the fatalities resulting from the game, and intends to go before the committee on appropriations with his statistics.

Train leaves foot of Olive street 1, 1:30 and 2:40.

ST. LOUIS STUDENT WON.

A dispatch to the Post-Dispatch from Cambridge, Mass., states that at the annual awarding of prizes and distinctions at Harvard University yesterday, Herman Theodore Fick of St. Louis, of the class of '02, was given final honors in the classics.

Ex-Secretary Long delivered the address at the exercises, which were held in Sanders' Theater.



"HO HO!" SAID THE SAW.
"I'M AFTER YOU, SIR HEMLOCK SOLE!"
"AND YOU TWO MESSRS. 'YANKEE OAK' AND [illegible]"
"I'LL SHOW YOU UP—FOR MASQUERADING AS REAL OAK, — WHEN YOU'RE ONLY A PRETTY PARODY!"

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POST-DISPATCH DAILY RECORD OF FINANCIAL AND MARKET DOINGS

BEAR HAMMERING SENT PRICES DOWN

NEW YORK'S WEAKNESS AGAIN BLAMED FOR DECLINE IN "LOCALS."

SOUTH SIDE BANK STRONG

Few Firm Listings Were Seen in the Local Stock Market, Though It Showed Good Recovering Powers.

Unloading of stocks on an even broader scale than yesterday characterized the local stock market Friday. Holders showed no especial anxiety about throwing over all their belongings, but a large part of the St. Louis roster was subjected to the liquidating process, and values again melted away quite sharply in several instances.

In some cases, nevertheless, there was unusual firmness denoted, and the fact that entirely foreign reasons have brought about the present decline here was taken by traders to mean that the depreciation in St. Louis will be of a short-lived nature.

At the opening of the market there was quite large buying of the syndicate tractions, which were pounded below the quotations ruling at the close Thursday, St. Louis Transit, especially, being the "bear" target, and being forced down 50 cents to $26.75, with more offered at a shade over that quotation. In all, the transactions in Transit amounted to 400 shares, and were mostly by two firms.

United Railways preferred also felt the brunt of the selling and dropped back to $81, where there was a splendid investment demand, and which resulted in the stock closing at that figure.

The 4s were neglected at $84.50.

Only one stock among the banking list showed any degree of strength, and that South Side, an obscure listing, which was whirled $10 higher, to $145, where a small lot was taken and more wanted.

Bank of Commerce was shoved down $3, to $382, where much criss-cross trading resulted in 59 shares selling. There was a good inquiry for more at the price named.

State National Bank showed considerable unevenness, and fell $4, to $201, with $192 bid. The stock was not dealt in, though today's quotations are the lowest in a long time past.

Third National was steady at 340 asked and Merchants'-Laclede National again 300 bid.

Copious buying orders existed in Lincoln Trust, which was handled at $239.75 and $240, with the latter price the closing figure for round lots, though a small lot sold at a shade over that quotation.

The purchasing of Lincoln Friday was the largest seen in any trust company stock for many sessions and totaled 315 shares.

At $165, the same as the last sale figure, American Central Trust was taken, with a few round lots offered at that figure, while Mercantile again brought $400, with more to be had.

Missouri Trust also sold quite freely Friday and went from $123.25 to $122.75, with a subsequent rise to $123, a net decline of 50 cents.

Most of the other trust company shares were offered at lower figures than were previously prevalent, though the lack of sales proves the want of selling urgency.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amer. Central Trust	$164 50	$165 00
Colonial Trust		201 50
Lincoln Trust	240 00	240 50
Mercantile Trust	398 00	400 00
Missouri Trust	122 75	123 25
Mississippi Valley Trust	435 00	
St. Louis Union Trust		377 50
National Bank of Commerce	382 00	
Merchants'-Laclede National	300 00	
South Side	145 00	
State National	192 00	200 00
Third National		340 00
St. Louis Transit	26 50	26 87½
United Railways pfd	80 87½	81 00
United Railways 4s	84 25	84 50
Central Coal and Coke		64 00
Laclede Gas Light com		
Missouri-Edison E. L. Co. pfd	40 00	42 50
do 5s	82 00	
American Central Ins. Co.		276 00
Simmons Hardware Co. 1st pfd	136 00	
do com	155 50	158 00
Union Depot 6s	114 00	

SALES.

St. Louis Transit, 25 at $27 and 375 at $26.75.
United Railways pfd., 11 at $81.50, 18 at $81.25, and 135 at $81.
United Railway 4s, 2000 at $84.50.
Lincoln Trust Co., 5 at $240.50, 240 at $240 and 70 at $239.75.
Missouri Trust, 35 at $123.25, 80 at $123 and 25 at $122.75.
South Side Bank, 10 at $145.
National Bank of Commerce, 49 at $382.
American Central Trust, 70 at $165.
Missouri-Edison 5s, 1000 at $85, 1000 at $85.50, 1000 at $85.75 and 1000 at $86.

ST. LOUIS MONEY MARKET.

Business was active in banking and trust circles Friday. There was an active demand for money, and counter business was large. Rates were firm at 5@6¼ per cent for call and 5½@6 per cent in the extreme for time loans. Clearings were $9,312,562, with balances $1,078,328.

London Closing Stocks.

LONDON, Dec. 12, 4 p. m.—Consols for money, 92¾; do account, 92¾; Anaconda, 4¼; Atchison, 81¾; do pfd., 99¾; B. & O., 96⅝; Canadian Pacific, 128⅝; C. & O., 54¼; C. G. W., 24; C., M. & St. P., 172½; De Beers, 22½; D. & R. G., 36⅛; do pfd., 90½; Erie, 31; do 1st pfd., 63; do 2d pfd., 48; Illinois Central, 143½; L. & N., 123¾; M., K. & T., 23; New York Central, 154; Norfolk & Western, 68⅝; do pfd., 93½; Ontario & Western, 27¼; Pennsylvania, 77½; Rand Mines, 11¼; Reading, 28¾; do 1st pfd., 43; do 2d pfd., 37; Southern Railway, 29¼; do pfd., 93; Southern Pacific, 59⅝; Union Pacific, 98¾; do pfd., 93; U. S. Steel, 32; do pfd., 82; Wabash, 25½; do pfd., 41. Bar silver quiet, 22⅛. Money, 3¼@3¾ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¾@3 15-16 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for three months' bills is 3⅝ per cent.

Central Missouri Bowlers.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Dec. 12.—Warrensburg team of the Central Missouri Bowling League defeated the Jefferson City team here last night 199 pins. Score, 2214 to 2413.

FIRST A BOOM; THEN A BREAK

THAT WAS THE PROGRAM FOR WHEAT AND CORN.

THE CLOSE WAS WEAK

Cleage Advances Corn Above 50 Cents and Then Breaks It—Heavy Realizing Sales of Wheat.

Grain.

A world of wheat was for sale in the local market today, most of which was for long account, the large proportion credited to the principal long interest here. So much of it came out that it fairly swamped buyers, who stood up under the load and held prices up stanchly until late in the session. It proved too much for them in the end, and the finish was at the bottom. The run of market information was generally bullish, but the week's clearances and the day's export business were disappointing. The December corn deal sold above 50c and closed 2c below that, the course of prices being entirely dictated by Cleage. His brokers first boosted the market and then broke it, the latter, it was said, to prevent the elevator buyers from selling against their cash purchases at the high prices.

WHEAT—At an opening advance of ½c there was a good deal of May for sale, the offerings coming almost entirely from longs, this the usual profit taking that always accompanies a market, whether booming or breaking. The elevator factors were further advances of ⅜@⅝d in Liverpool, higher prices at all domestic markets and bullish sentiment generally. The Venezuelan situation figured to some extent, as did the Missouri state report with its statement regarding bug damage, though this report otherwise bearish on crop conditions and amount still held by farmers. Receipts at St. Louis were 42,500 bu, against 20,000 bu one year ago, and a further decrease of 51,000 bu reported in the public stock. At Minneapolis and Duluth 571 cars received, against 752 a year ago.

May opened with sales at 77⅛c to 77¼c, and then declined to 76⅞c on selling being more pressing than the buying. July sold ½c higher at 73c.

Declines at other markets, where heavy selling reported, mainly in the way of realizing, influenced the home market to some extent, but much better sustained in price than elsewhere, May selling here within ⅞c of that option in Chicago, where three weeks ago the difference was about 3c. This shows how strong the conditions are locally. Reports of heavy rains in the Argentine, the firm and higher closing cables and smaller primaries than a year ago encouraged bull sentiment and kept buying in favor. And on a rally in Chicago the price reacted smartly here.

May sold off to 76⅝@76⅞c, and then up to 77¼@77⅜c. December was offered at 71⅛c and July at 72⅝c, but later the former sold at 71⅝c.

Closing cables reported London ⅛d higher, Liverpool quiet at ⅜@⅝d advance. Paris quiet and ¼@⅜c higher (flour up 15@35 ctms), Antwerp firm at ⅝c advance, Berlin up ¼c and Budapest ⅜c. Primary receipts were 523,000 bu, against 1,085,000 bu one year ago, and shipments 149,000 bu, against 324,000 bu last year. Clearances in flour and wheat were 242,000 bu.

The price of December was bid up until 50½c was paid, but little coming out for sale, even at the attractively high prices. May sold at 41⅛c and later 41⅛@41¼c bid. Primary receipts were 519,000 bu, against 391,000 one year ago, and shipments 254,000 bu, against 254,000 bu last year. Clearances were 366,000 bu. Liverpool closed easy and unchanged to ⅛d lower, and London ⅛d higher.

Large offerings came out at the advance, and Cobb & Gardner, who had been steady sellers all day, thence on to the close were free-handed sellers of May, breaking the price to 76½c (was offered at 76⅝@½c) and at close sellers asking 76½c, which ¼c below day before. This selling was generally credited to Spencer by pit traders, they believing that he was closing out his long interest. At close July was offered at 72½c and December nominally 71c. Little export business was reported.

Cash market—Received 105 sacks and 40 cars local, seven cars through. Higher. A great scarcity of good, not to say choice wheats, latter being quickly snapped up by local and outside millers and all fair millers and all fair milling grades steady sales. By sample delivered—No. 2 red sold at 74c east side for car and 73c for sacked lots, but not salable west side above 72½c or 73c for fancy; No. 3 red at 71c west and 71@72c east side; No. 4, quotable at 60c to 70c for low to choice; rejected sold at 58@60c; No. 2 hard at 68@70c and turkey worth 72c; No. 3 hard at 65@70c; No. 4 hard at 58@64c.

CORN—More rainy weather, and no indications of a change in the immediate future, enabled the long interest in December to add another 1c to the price for the shorts to pay, if they wished to get out. Advances were made in the same option in Chicago, where Cleage also has complete control, and the stand taken here regarding deliveries of No. 2 corn kept shorts at the higher prices bid. Receipts were large, amounting to 108,000 bu, exceeding one year ago by 20,800 bu, but not heavy enough to exert any influence.

December opened with sales at 48c to 48½c, and sold up to 49½c. May opened ⅛c better at 41⅛c, sold at 41⅛c, and then offered at 41c.

An attempt to sell against purchases of cash corn by elevator buyers brought Cleage's brokers in as sellers of December, they smashing the price down to 47⅞c rapidly, though bidding 48c at close, this the same as yesterday. May declined until offered at 40⅝c, though no sales below 40⅝@40¾c, and at close 40⅝c bid.

Cash market—Received 1432 sacks and 112 cars local and 4 cars through. Higher. Exporters were keen after No. 3, but little obtainable in cars that could go to the seaboard. They paid 45@45½c, mainly 45¼c and as high as 46c bid to go by one particular road, all destination weights. Otherwise the buying was mainly to go to elevator, No. 2 selling at 49@49¼c, mainly at 49c; No. 3 at 43@43½c for soft to 44@44¼c, and No. 4 at 40c. No. 3 white sold at 43c for soft, No. 4 white at 42c and No. 3 yellow at 35½.

OATS—The amount arriving continued disappointing, the receipts, 31,050 bu, comparing with 48,000 bu one year ago. No speculative trading and the only bid was 32⅝c for May.

The market was neglected during balance of the forenoon. Primary receipts were 361,000 bu, against 361,000 bu one year ago, and shipments 314,000 bu, against 291,000 bu last year. Clearances were 20,000 bu.

Later in the day 37⅞c was bid for May, but at close it was offered at that price and unsold. December nominally 34c.

Cash market—Received 20 cars local and 3 cars through. Strong, because of continued small current offerings, but stocks held in private hands more freely offered, though at firm prices. Sales f. o. b. at 35c for No. 2 mixed, and 35½c for No. 3 white, East Side, and No. 4 white at 35c, west side. By sample—No. 2 at 35½c, No. 3 at 35c, No. 4 at 33c, No. 2 white at 36½c, and No. 3 white at 35½c, west side.

RYE—Firm at 49c bid for No. 2, and 46c for No. 3, but none offered.

Trade Topics.

The final report of the Missouri state board states that Missouri stands first this year in the United States in the average yield of corn per acre, that for 1892 having been 40 bu. The total product is 307,000,000 bu. The average quality is 96, against 46 last year. Average condition of wheat on Dec. 1 was 96, compared with 91 last year, but acreage 10 per cent below 1901. It is estimated that 41 per cent of the 1902 crop is still held by farmers, including 26,000,000 bu thus held. Of the growing wheat the report says it was sown considerably later than the average and most of it small and more easily injured by hard freezing than if of better growth for protection. Hessian fly has done considerable damage in a few localities and the wheat reported in one section infested with plant lice. Some injury by rains to early sown, where it rotted before germination.

The Argentine shipped 112,000 bu this week, against 88,000 bu last week, 292,000 bu one year ago and 712,000 bu two years ago. Since Jan. 1 the shipments have been 19,032,000 bu, compared with 31,126,000 bu for same period last year, and 71,040,000 bu in 1900. Corn shipments were 463,000 bu for week, against 431,000 bu last week and 407,000 bu a year ago and since Jan. 1 were 42,419,000 bu against 38,837,000 bu last year for same time.

Visible supply in chief ports of Argentine is 144,000 bu, where a week ago 184,000 bu and a year ago 552,000 bu. Corn today, 374,000 bu, a week ago, 748,000 bu, and a year ago 766,000 bu. Wheat market is firm in tone, with a fair demand for export. Arrivals from interior are small and quality giving satisfaction. Corn steady in tone, with a moderate export demand. Arrivals from interior continue very small.

A London cable says: In Argentine the interior conditions have been variable. Harvesting of wheat has now commenced in many portions of the country. Wheat is above the average, and the quality better than usual. The condition of the maize crop is better than last year at the same time. The linseed crop accounts continue below expectations in some sections.

Cash business in Chicago yesterday was 25,000 bu No. 2 corn for all rail shipment East, also 70,000 bu clipped and 25,000 bu No. 2 oats, latter at 31c in store. At the seaboard exporters bought 400,000 bu wheat and 176,000 bu corn.

There were 475,000 bu wheat in deliveries yesterday afternoon in Chicago, Irwin-Green getting greater part. Latter have a large line, and usually carry cash wheat during winter. There was also delivered 40,000 bu corn, which went to houses operating for bull pool. Of the 35,000 bu oats, 30,000 bu were standard and 53,000 bu No. 2, most of the latter delivered by Bartlett Frazier. There were also deliveries of 10,000 bu rye.

Minneapolis wires: Our car lots will keep running fair, but to do so must be at expense of Duluth receipts. No. 1 Northern wheat closed here 1⅝ over Duluth and this will turn shipments to us. County stocks of wheat are decreasing fast this month.

Chicago message: Our Liverpool house cables their wheat market is firm with good consumptive demand, as also on unfavorable weather reports from the Argentine. I never saw the legitimate situation in wheat so strong as it is at the present time. The stocks of spring wheats abroad are extremely small. Understand that Liverpool has practically no stock at all. We have cables this morning from the United Kingdom with bids for Chicago No. 1 Northern within 1¼ of last night's close for January shipment from the seaboard. It looks as though in a few days Europe would come here and buy freely and wheat will go out by rail from here to the seaboard.

An increase of 2,000,000 bu is estimated for week in Northwestern wheat stocks, but the visible will not show that much increase and may have but a small increase, with a chance for a decrease, all depending upon the amount on lakes. One years ago for same week there was 4,100,000 bu increase.

Crop outlook of the Modern Miller: Conditions have been favorable for the winter wheat crop, and there are no complaints to speak of. If there is any damage, it is confined to the early sown, which was infested by the Hessian fly or other field pests. The plant is in excellent condition otherwise, except that some of the early-grown in southern sections shows too rank growth. The movement of wheat to market is falling off.

Broomhall cables: A direct cable received this morning from our Argentine agent, reads: "Heavy rains and storms." The official estimates of principal districts of Prussia for 1902 are given below, together with comparison with last year, as well as the total crops for the entire German Empire, of which the year as well as the total crops for the entire German Empire, of which the area of Prussia is about two-thirds. Prussia, 1902, wheat, 89,096,000 bu; in 1901, wheat, 52,232,000; German Empire, 1901, wheat, 91,817,000; Prussia, 1902, rye 201,032,000; in 1901, rye, 213,?96,000; German Empire, 1901, rye, 331,250,000.

Bradstreet's report this week's clearances of flour and wheat from both coasts as 3,700,000 bu, against 5,504,000 bu last week, 3,879,000 bu for corresponding week last year and 4,786,000 bu two years ago. Since July 1 there are 121,248,000 bu, compared with 136,303,000 bu last year and 84,181,000 bu the year before that. Corn clearances for week were 1,300,000 bu, against 1,151,000 bu last week, 278,000 bu one year ago and 4,853,000 bu two years ago. Since July 1 they are 4,956,000 bu, compared with 19,706,000 bu for same period last year and 85,581,000 bu two years ago.

A notable sale of cash wheat today was that of 5000 bu No. 2 red at 74c, to go to a Texas mill. This is the first sale of wheat to Texas this season.

FLOUR AND FEED.

FLOUR—Quiet. Some export business has been done by country mills on the new rate of freight, but all from this market are the old rate. Cables are numerous, but foreigners not inclined to pay the advance. Domestic trade moderate.

Soft winter flour—Patents, $3.35@3.50 straights $3.20@3.30; extra fancy, $3.05@3.15; clears, $2.90@3.00; low grades, $2.25@2.50; hard winter, flours—patents, $3.15@3.25; straights, $2.95@3.05; clear $2.50@2.70. Foregoing prices for lots from first hands, track or at depot this side. Orders higher.

RYE FLOUR—In a jobbing way at $2.90 in jute sacks and $3.20 in wood for new. Mixed and inferior less.

CORNMEAL, ETC.—F. o. b.: City meal at $2.30; grits, hominy and pearl meal at $2.60.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Eastern jobs at $6 and western at $5.50.

MILLFEED—Small offerings and a strong market. Buyers' basis, east track, at 70c in large and 72c in small sacks for bran, 73c in large and 74c in small sacks for mixed feed, 76@86c for mids in 100s and 66@67c for bulk bran. West side, bran in 100s at 72c and mids at 85c. At mill bran sells at 73@74c and ships at 85@90c.

HAY.

Received, 400 tons local and 205 tons through; shipped, 283 tons. Firm, but dull, the rainy weather restricting business.

Quote timothy on east side: Choice, $15@15.50; No. 1, $14@14.50; No. 2, $13@13.50; lower grades at $9@12. Clover at $12.50@13.50 for No. 1, $11@12 for No. 2; light clover mixed, $12.50@13.50, and heavy, $10.50@11.50. Prairie on west side: No. 1, $12@12.50; No. 2, $11.50@12.

FLAXSEED—Higher at $1.13 bid for spot and $1.12 to arrive.

PROVISIONS.

Lower for pork and lard.

PORK—New standard mess f. o. b. jobbing close at $18.

LARD—Choice steam, east side, closed at 10.35c; kettle rendered, 10⅝c; compound, 7⅝c.

GREEN HAMS, ETC.—Car lots, f. o. b. east side: Hams—10-average at 10½c; 12s at 10¼c, 14s at 9¾c, 16s at 9⅝c, 18s at 9⅝c, 20s at 9½c. Skinned hams—16s, 18@20c and 22@24s 9¾c; Californias at 7½c; New York shoulders (10@12-average) at 8¼c. From the block delivered: Hams at 9½c to 10¼c, as in average; bellies at 8¾c to 11½c do; Californias at 7¾c; New York shoulders at 8c.

D. S. MEATS—Boxed lots, jobbing: Extra shorts 9¼c; c'ribs at 9½c; short clear at 9⅝c; bellies at 10⅝c; plates at 8⅝c; fat backs at 8⅛c; standard backs at 10¼c. Dealers charged higher on orders.

BACON—Boxed s. c. meats, jobbing: Breakfast bacon at from 13c for heavy to 16c for choice light, hams at 12¾c to 13c. Californias at 9½c. New York shoulders at 10c. Plain smoked boxed lot, jobbing: Extra shorts at 10½c, c'ribs at 10½c; short clears at 11c, bellies at 11½c, plates at 9½c, fat backs at 10c, standard backs at 11c. Dealers charged higher on orders.

OLEO-STEARINE—Steady at 12c.

TALLOW—Country prime run at 6¼@6½c; No. 2 do at 5c; cake, 6⅜c; packers' choice, 6⅝@6¾c.

GREASE—Quote small irregular lots country: Brown, 3¾c; yellow, 4¼c; and white, 4⅝c. Quote packers' stock: Brown, 4⅝@4¾c; yellow at 4⅝@4⅞c; white at 7@7¼c.

BEEF—On orders: Barreled—Plate, roll and Fulton market, $12.50; mess, $11.62½; dried, per lb—sets, 12½c; insides, 14c; knuckles, 14c; outsides, 10½@11c; tongues, 14½c per lb.

FUTURE PRICES.

ST. LOUIS.

	Closing Yesterday.	Highest Today.	Lowest Today.	Closing Today.
WHEAT.				
Dec	77½b	71⅝	71⅝	71 n
May	76⅝a	77¼@77⅜	76½	76½a
CORN.				
Dec	48	50¼	47⅞	48 b
May	41 a	41⅛	40⅝@40⅝	40½b
OATS.				
Dec	33½b			34 n
May	32⅞			32⅞a

NEW YORK.

	Closing Yesterday.	Highest Today.	Lowest Today.	Closing Today.
WHEAT.				
Dec	84½	83⅝	83	83¼b
May	81⅝a	81⅜@81⅛	81⅛@81¼	81⅝a
CORN.				
Dec	61½a	63½	62	62
May	49½a	49⅝	49⅛	49¼b

MINNEAPOLIS.

	Yesterday. Closing	Today. Highest	Today. Lowest	Today. Closing
WHEAT.				
Dec	74	74⅝	74⅛	74⅛
May	75⅝	76	75⅜	75⅜

CHICAGO.

	Closing Yesterday.	Highest Today.	Lowest Today.	Closing Today.
WHEAT.				
Dec	75⅝	76⅛	75⅛	75¼
May	77½@77⅝b	78	77¼	77¼@77⅜a
CORN.				
Dec	57½a	58	57¼	57⅝
May	44½@44⅝b	45	44⅛	44⅛b
OATS.				
Dec	32	32¼	31⅞	31⅞
May	33½@33⅝	33⅞	33⅜	33½

CHICAGO PROVISIONS.

	Closing Yesterday.	Highest Today.	Lowest Today.	Closing Today.
PORK.				
Jan	$16.65	$16.70	$16.45	$16.57
May	15.51	15.55	15.40	15.52
RIBS.				
Jan	8.42	8.37	8.30	8.32 a
May	8.30	8.27	8.22	8.25@27
LARD.				
Jan	9.77@80 a	9.75	9.65	9.70
May	9.12 a	9.10	9.05	9.07

CASH MARKET.

	Today.	Yesterday.	Year ago.
WHEAT.			
No. 2 red	72½@74	72 @72½	83½@84
No. 3 red	71 @72	69 @71½	82½@83
No. 4	60 @70	65½@70	81½@82
No. 2 hard	68 @72	67 @72	77 @78
No. 3 hard	65 @70	63 @71	75 @77
No. 4 hard	58 @64	58 @64	75 @77
CORN.			
No. 2 mixed	49 @49½	47 @47¼	68¼@68½
No. 3 mixed	43 @46	43½@45	67¾@68½
No. 2 yellow	49 @49½	47¼	68¼@68½
No. 3 yellow	44 @45½	45	68 @68½
No. 2 white	49 @49¼	47 @47¼	68½@69
No. 3 white	43 @44½	44	68¼@69
OATS.			
No. 2	35 @35½	35½	48 @48½
No. 3	35	34½@34⅝	47½
No. 4	33	33	47
No. 2 white	36½	36	49 @49¼
No. 3 white	35½	35½	49
No. 4 white	35	33½@35½	47⅝@48

Stocks of Grain in St. Louis Elevators.

	Today.	Yest'day.	Year ago
Wheat	4,224,336	4,275,274	3,298,412
Corn	1,008,047	930,567	565,053
Oats	21,113	24,113	87,440
Rye	37,908	37,780	108,151
Barley			3,877
No. 2 red wheat	1,448,901	1,473,695	2,380,913
No. 2 hard wheat	21,774	22,454	567,937
No. 2 mixed corn	638,640	575,079	240,336
No. 2 white corn	53,105	55,079	37,167
No. 2 yellow corn	5,771	4,683	241,760
No. 2 mixed oats	3,661	8,661	26,179
No. 2 white			3,223
No. 2 rye	14,916	14,970	90,542

Lead and Spelter.

LEAD—Firm at $4 bid for chemical hard and soft Missouri.

SPELTER—Steadily held at $4.60.

New York Money and Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Noon—Money on call, steady at 9@10 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and at $4.83½ for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.84½@4.82; commercial rates, $4.82@4.83¼. Mexican dollars, 37½c. Government bonds, steady; refs. 2s, reg., 107⅝; do coupon, 108¾; 3s reg., 107½; do coupon, 107½; new 4s, reg., 135½; do coupon, 135½; old 4s, reg., 107½; do coupon, 109¼; 5s, reg., 103⅝; do coupon, 103⅝. Bar silver, 47⅝c.

GRAIN MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Activity prevailed in all the grain pits today and prices were higher with wheat especially strong. Local sentiment was extremely bullish, there being buying orders in evidence from all quarters. Cables were higher and receipts small which added to the strength. May opened with a gain of ⅛@¼c to ⅜@½c at 77⅝c to 78c, but around 78c there was considerable liquidation, and reduction to 77⅝c followed, but the feeling was still firm. December opened ½c higher at 76c. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 571 cars, which, with local receipts of 51 cars—18 of contract grade—made a total for the three points of 622 cars, against 643 cars last week and 814 cars a year ago.

Corn opened strong in sympathy with wheat and on a good general demand May was ⅛@¼c to ¼@⅜c up at 44⅝c to 44⅜c and on covering by shorts who took fright at the unfavorable weather conditions and the strong cables, the price advanced to 45c, but realizing at the better figures brought about a decline to 44⅝c. December was ½c to ⅝c higher at 57½c to 57⅝c and shorts were also fair buyers in this month. Local receipts were 185 cars, with six of contract grade.

Oats fairly active and strong, the action of other grains being an incentive to better prices, as was also the small receipts and a good demand. Buying of May by cash and commission houses were the main feature of the trading, but there was also some covering by shorts. May opened ⅛@¼c to ¼@⅜c higher at 33⅝c to 33⅞c. Local receipts were 66 cars.

Prices of hogs at the yards were lower and receipts were liberal and in consequence provisions were easier at the start. Liquidation by outsiders, which was a feature yesterday, was again in evidence early in the session, and tended to create a weaker feeling. January pork opened 5c lower at $16.50, lard was down 7½@10c at $9.70@9.72½, and ribs off 5c to 12½c, opening at $8.30@8.37½.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, 78c; No. 3 red, 72@76½c; No. 2 hard winter, 74@75c; No. 3 hard winter, 68@72c; No. 1 northern spring, 78c; No. 2 northern spring, 75@77c; No. 3 spring, 70@73c. Corn—No. 2, 57¼@58c; No. 3, 57½@57⅝c. Oats—No. 2, 31@32c; No. 3, 30½@31c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Close—Wheat: Dec., 75¼c; May, 77¼@77⅜c; July, 74¼c. Corn—Dec., 57⅝c; Jan., 48⅝c; May, 44⅛c; July, 42⅞@43c. Oats—Dec., 31⅞c; old, 31c; May, 33½c. Pork—Jan., $16.57½; May, $15.52½. Lard—Dec., $10.22½; Jan., $9.70; May, $9.07½. Ribs—Jan., $8.32½; May, $8.25@8.27½. Flax—Cash northwest, $1.24; southwest, $1.15; Dec., $1.15; May, $1.22@1.28½. Rye—Dec., 49¼c; May, 52½c. Barley—Cash, 36@58c. Clover—Dec., $10.75. Timothy—Jan., $4.25.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—Close—Wheat: Dec., 64¼c; May, 70½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 67@69c; No. 3, 65@67c; No. 2 red, 67@68c; No. 3, 65@66c. Corn—Dec., 42c; May, 38¼c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 43c; No. 2 white, 42½@43c; No. 3, 42¼@42½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 36c; mixed, 33¼c. Rye—No. 2, 45@46c. Hay—Timothy, $10.50@11; prairie, $10@10.25. Butter—Creamery, 25@27c; dairy, 22c. Eggs—Fresh, 22c. Receipts of wheat, 115 cars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Wheat—Receipts, 127,725 bu; firm and higher again on more rain news from the Argentine, higher cables and smaller receipts; Dec., 83⅜c; May, 81 7-16@81 13-16c; July, 79@79¼c.

PEORIA, Dec. 12.—Corn steady; new No. 3, 45c. Oats steady; No. 3 white, 32c, billed through. Whisky—On the basis of $1.32 for finished goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Poultry—Alive weak; chickens, 12c; turkeys, 11@12c; fowls, 12½c. Dressed firm; western chickens, 12@18½c; western fowls, 12½@13c; western turkeys, 18@19c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 1d; No. 1 California, 6s 7½d. Futures quiet; Dec., 6s 1⅛d; March, 6s 1¼d; May, 6s 1¼d. Corn—Spot American mixed new, firm, 5s 2½d; American mixed, old, quiet, 5s 4d. Futures easy; Jan., 4s 6⅜d; March, 4s 3¼d.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Butter steady; creameries, 18@29c; dairies, 17@25c. Eggs steady; loss off, cases returned, 24c. Cheese steady; twins, 11¼c; daisies, 11⅝@12c; Young Americas, 12½c. Dressed poultry active and firm; turkeys, 13@17c; chickens, 9@11c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Butter—Receipts, 3121 packages; firm; state dairy, 20@27c; creamery, extra, 30c; creamery, common to choice, 21@29c. Cheese—Receipts, 499 packages; steady; fancy large state full cream, colored and white, Sept., 13¼c; fancy small, colored and white, Sept., 13½c; fancy small, late make, 13c. Eggs—Receipts, 4742 packages; dull; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 29c; western uncandled, poor to fancy, 20@27c. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-16c; molasses sugar, 3 1-16c. Refined firm; crushed, 5.55c; powdered, 5.05c; granulated, 4.95c. Coffee steady; No. 7 Rio, 5⅛c. Molasses firm; New Orleans, 30@40c.

WALL STREET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—There were large offerings again at the opening today and prices broke with some violence. The offerings of the U. S. Steel stocks were especially heavy, the common falling 1⅜ and the preferred 1¼. Losses of a point or over were also scored in Atchison, Southern Pacific, Rock Island, Reading, Sugar and American Grass Twine.

The stream of liquidating sales was not checked until Grass Twine had fallen 7 points, Louisville 2⅝, Rock Island 2⅛, Tennessee Coal and Anaconda 2, and upward of 20 other important stocks a point or more. Covering by the short interest and the appearance of supporting orders in St. Paul, Louisville, Sugar and the local tractions rallied these leaders a point or more and stiffened the entire list. Some full recoveries were made in other quarters, but the speculation was quite feverish and prices fell again toward 11 o'clock. Southern Pacific dropped abruptly 2¼ and the whole market fell back suddenly to the lowest.

The calling of loans and the rise in call money to 10 per cent precipitated a fresh spasm of liquidation and the market became somewhat demoralized. Twenty or 25 leading stocks lost 2 points or more. United States Steel declined 2¼ and L. & N. 4⅜, St. Louis & San Francisco preferred 6, Lake Erie & Western 7, Tennessee Coal 3¼, North American 4, Virginia-Carolina Chemical 4⅛, International Pump 6⅛, Wheeling & Lake Erie 12, and Southern Pacific, Rock Island, Locomotive and Anaconda 3 or thereabouts.

The announcement that $1,000,000 Pennsylvania Car Trust certificates had been placed abroad and the proceeds made available through the exchange market rallied prices. Rallies of a point were numerous. Louisville recovered 2⅞, and Northwestern to a point above last night.

Bonds were weak at noon.

Prices worked slowly upward, but the transactions dwindled greatly as the advance proceeded. St. Paul, Pennsylvania, New York Central, Reading, Baltimore & Ohio, Atchison preferred, Sugar, Brooklyn Transit and Steel preferred recovered to about yesterday's close or a fraction above. Generally speaking, rallies reached a point or two in all of the speculative favorites. A feature of the dealings was the same of 200 shares of New York & Harlem at 405, a decline of 25 from the preceding sale in April a year ago.

When it was perceived that the liquidation was not renewed on the advance, there was a scramble among the shorts to cover. The buying was heavy and caused net gains of 1@1½ in St. Paul, Pennsylvania, New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Rock Island preferred, Great Northern preferred, Brooklyn Transit and Sugar. Evansville & Terre Haute gained 2½ and Lake Erie & Western recovered 5.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 12.—Cotton steady. Middling, 7⅝c. Receipts, 1100; this day last year, 1536; since Sept. 1, 149,325; this time last year, 134,946. Shipments, 1781; this day last year, 1265. Stock, 28,790; this day last year, 51,217.

DEATHS.

BURKE—On Friday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a. m., William Burke, beloved son of William and Margaret Burke (nee Finn), at residence, 2038 Madison street.

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RESOURCES.

Cash and Sight Exchange		$ 4,680,474.49
Loans Payable on Demand	$2,464,978.77	
" " at Fixed Dates	7,250,911.14—	9,715,889.91
United States Bonds		826,600.00
Premium on United States Bonds		21,000.00
Other Bonds, Stocks, etc		435,434.01
Real Estate		50,910.43
		$15,730,308.84

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock			$ 1,400,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits			733,894.62
Circulation			720,600.00
United States Bond Account			391,600.00
City of St. Louis Bond Account			147,000.00
Deposits, Individual	$5,990,399.37		
" United States	316,400.86		
" Trust Co.'s	615,894.28—	$6,922,694.51	
" Banks and Bankers		5,414,519.71—	$12,337,214.22
			$15,730,308.84

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ACCOUNTANT—Wants situation. A. L. Pierce, 2618 Sheridan av., or Kinloch D 599.

BAKER—Situation wanted by a second hand baker; good reference. Ad. E. D., 2716 Lawton.

BAKER—Sit. wanted by first-class bread and cake baker; fine ornamenter; day work. Ad. R 59, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Young man would like position as bartender; good reference. Ad. Y 4. Post-Dis.

BARTENDER—Sit. wanted by young man as bartender; experienced and ref. Ad. M 4, P.-D.

BARTENDER—Sit. wanted by young married man; sober and reliable; send postal or call. 816 N. High st.

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BOOKKEEPER—Firm and corporation books opened, kept, balanced by Chas. Spiegelthal, 4125 Cleveland av.

BOY—Sit. wanted by neat colored boy, to work around the house or barber shop. Ad. A 3, Post-Dispatch.

BOY—Desires to learn the machinist trade. Ad. Y 6, Post-Dispatch.

BOY—Sit. wanted by colored boy; work of any kind. 1211 N. Garrison av., rear.

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CARPENTER—Wants work; can do anything in the carpenter line; also painting and glazing; cheap. Ad. Y 29, Post-Dispatch.

CLERK—Sit. wanted by experienced grocery clerk or salesman; some kind of retail store; German and English; best references. Ad. Y 28, Post-Dispatch.

COLLECTOR—Young man wants position as collector; references and bond if required. Ad. W 96, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Position wanted by a Japanese cook and waiter. Ad. R 91, Post-Dispatch.

COPYIST—Wanted, typewriting or copying to do at home by stenographer owning machine. Ad. 720 N. Compton av.

DRIVER—Sit. wanted by man to drive for laundry or work in saloon, work around house. 2834 Adams st.

DRUG CLERK—Sit. wanted by registered drug clerk; 10 years' experience; A No. 1 references; speaks German. Ad. 4775 Greer av.

ENGINEER—Competent, licensed engineer wants situation. Ad. Y 7, Post-Dispatch.

FILER—Position as band resaw filer; St. Louis preferred; city references. Ad. N 132, P.-D.

HOUSEMAN—Sit. wanted by colored, 1st-class house and dining room man; would like place at once. Ad. R 105, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit. of any kind wanted by young married man of 23 years; office work preferred; wages no object. Ad. R 190, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit wanted by young man of 17; experienced grocery clerk of one year. Ad. Y 55, P.-D.

MAN—Young man with machine shop experience wishes position; very handy. Ad. R 80, P.-D.

MAN—Sit. wanted by young man to work in factory of any kind. Ad. M. H., 1103 S. 7th st.

MAN—A young man would like work of any kind. Ad. Y 26, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sober, honest young man of 22, handy with tools, wishes work. Ad. G 1, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, office, invoicing or extending work; good penman and quick in figures; young man, city refs. Ad. L 1, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Young man offers services in law office for room and board. Ad. D 3, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Position wanted by man having had 14 years' experience as manager of a New York store of a trust and as salesman on road; experienced in credits; reference and bond. Ad. Y 9, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit. wanted by young man of 19; office experience, or light work of any kind. Ad. R 198, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit. wanted in suburbs, on gent's place, to care for horse, cow and general work around place. Ad. Y 32, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Man of 25 wants position of any kind; can do any kind of electrical work. Ad. Y 39, P.-D.

MAN—Sit. wanted by young married man of 27; employed at present in wholesale shoe house in city as receiving clerk and allround man; would like sit. in some wholesale house where there is chance for advancement; sober and steady; handy with tools; best of ref. Ad. Jas. R. Varley, 2027 Morgan st.

MAN—Sit. wanted by colored man as cook; well experienced; good ref. Ad. Y 17, Post-Dis.

MAN—A married man wants position as clerk or salesman. Ad. Y 19, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Sit. wanted by young man of 20, in hardware store; 4 years' experience. Write. 1130 Upper 2d st., East St. Louis, Ill.

MAN—Position wanted by young man; good education; office or other light work; in or out of city. Ad. or call O. J. S., 1808 S. 8th st.

MAN—Sit. wanted by sober young man with locomotive experience, as stationary fireman or watchman. Ad. R 14, Post-Dispatch.

MANAGER—Wanted, position as manager of small hotel or large rooming house, by man and wife; experienced; best refs. Ad. W 84, Post-Dis.

OFFICEMAN—Sit. wanted by an experienced officeman and correspondent; will be open for new connection about Jan. 1; especially conversant with publishing, advertising, mail order and illustrating fields. Ad. L 4, Post-Dis.

PAPER HANGER—1st-class allround man wants situation; will work reasonable. Sproot, 324 S. Garrison av.

PHOTO PRINTER—Desires position; also has experience in toning; best references; moderate salary. Ad. R 60, Post-Dispatch.

PORTER—Sit. wanted as porter in store or office building; city reference. Ad. A 15, Post-Dis.

PORTER—Wanted, porter work of any kind; experienced; colored; can cook lunch. John Mason, 2800 Papin st.

SHIPPING CLERK—Sit. wanted; experienced; would prefer farm wagon or spring work; can give reference. Ad. R 140, Post-Dispatch.

SOLICITOR—Printing solicitor wants position. Ad. Y 12, Post-Dispatch.

STENOGRAPHER—Sit. wanted by young man as stenographer or private secretary; good education and some experience. Ad. B 2, Post-Dis.

STORE MANAGER, ETC.—Position after Jan. 1, by experienced and competent store manager and bookkeeper; at present running retail business of $5000 a month; single; good health and will go anywhere; good reasons for wishing to make change; best refs. or cash deposit. Y 150, P.-D.

TIMEKEEPER—Sit. wanted by young man as timekeeper or driving delivery wagon; experienced in both; state salary and hours. Emory Brown, Alta Sita, East St. Louis, Ill.

WAITER—Sit. wanted by an experienced colored waiter or porter; gilt edge references. Ad. W 1, Post-Dispatch.

YARDMEN—Two experienced hotel yardmen want employment; understand care of heating plants and can do plumbing, gas and steam fitting repairs. W. G. Munson, 4th and Clark av., Erie House.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

ARTIST WANTED—Skilled artist. Ad. L 106, Post-Dispatch.

BAKERS WANTED—First and second bakers on rolls and cakes. Ad. D [illegible], Post-Dispatch.

BAKER WANTED—1st hand on bread and rolls. 4901A Easton av.

BARBER WANTED—Good barber at 804 Whittier, [illegible] near Olive.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

BARBER WANTED—Good barber for Saturday and Sunday; $4 guaranteed. 2124 Cass av.

BARBER WANTED—A good barber; single; good wages. 2922 Gravois av.

BOOKKEEPER WANTED—302 N. 10th st., 2d floor.

BOOKKEEPER AND STENOGRAPHER—Now employed wants set of books to write up evenings or typewriting to do at home. Ad. Y 1, P.-D.

BOY WANTED—Experienced, for grocery. Beat Faber, 2750 Gamble.

BOY WANTED—For service at 3337 Washington av., reliable experienced boy, white or colored, for furnace and housework. Apply there or 208 N. 4th st., upstairs.

BOY WANTED—To work in grocery, with some experience preferred. Ryan, 5512 Easton av.

BOY WANTED—To feather out, or edge trimmer. Courtney Shoe Co., 21st and Lucas.

BOYS WANTED—14 to 16 years old, to work in machine shop. Sieber & Trussell Mfg. Co., 5th floor, 1007 Olive st.

BOY WANTED—With some experience, to work in grocery. 1933 Franklin av.

BOY WANTED—From 12 to 14 years old to work on delivery wagon and run errands. 113 N. 11th st., express office.

BOY WANTED—Bright boy of 14, to run errands in manufacturing department. Inland Type Foundry, 12th and Locust sts.

BOYS WANTED—Two small boys, at Schwerdtmann's, 514 Locust st.

BOY WANTED—A neat messenger boy. 302 N. 10th st., 2d floor.

BOYS WANTED—Boys in finishing room on men's shoes and also boys to die out in cutting room. Tennent Shoe Co., 23d and O'Fallon.

BOYS WANTED—14 years of age; at $4 per week. Mengel Box Co., Folsom and Lawrence avs.

BOYS WANTED—To try Harris' $2 shoes; made for good wear. 409-411 N. 6th st., the best appointed and roomiest shoe store in St. Louis.

BOY WANTED—A good job for a bright boy, 12 to 14; easy work; good pay. 906 Russell.

BOY WANTED—Boy for grocery. 4471 St. Louis.

BOY WANTED—Bright errand boy. 620 N. Broadway.

BOY WANTED—Bright, intelligent boy for general office work; must write good hand and come well recommended. Ad. R 95, Post-Dispatch.

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BROOM SEWER WANTED—One who can run a Macomb sewer; steady work; union shop. Call or address Wm. Berry, Edwardsville, Ill.

BUNDLE WRAPPERS WANTED—Experienced bundle wrappers. M. A. Muth Dry Goods Co., Sarah and Chouteau av.

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BUSHELMAN WANTED—Steady work; good wages. MacCarthy-Evans Tailoring Co., 820 Olive st.

CABINET MAKER WANTED—With furniture factory experience. 2620 N. 15th st.

CARPENTERS WANTED—50. Apply Armour & Co., National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Ill.

Cash Boys Wanted.
Must live with their parents and bring good references. Apply Saturday morning before 9 o'clock to Mr. Smither, room 225, upstairs.
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CASH BOYS AND GIRLS WANTED—Must be 14 years old.
PENNY & GENTLES.

CHARLES SCHMIDT, 1418 O'Fallon st., wants his distributors to call today.

COMPOSITOR WANTED—Young man with considerable experience as job compositor; state experience and salary expected. Ad. Y 3, P.-D.

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CURE any disease or trouble and furnish medicine; free treatment. Dr. Crowley, 1543 N. 8th.

CUTTERS WANTED—Counter cutters; also heel lift cutters. 915 N. 6th st., 2d floor.

DEMONSTRATER WANTED—Experienced demonstrater at once. Ad. Y 10, Post-Dispatch.

DINING ROOM BOY WANTED—Experienced dining room boy. 3684 Lindell bl.

DRIVERS WANTED—To haul brick. J. Riede, 4257 N. 20th st.

DRIVER WANTED—For one-horse wagon; planing mill. 811 Monroe st.

DRIVER WANTED—Good man to drive and take care of horses; bring references. Mound City Cornice Co., 5140 San Francisco av.

DRIVER WANTED—Driver who knows South well; must have good references.
PENNY & GENTLES.

DRIVERS WANTED—5; good pay; steady work. Call at once 334 E. Broadway, East St. Louis, 2d floor front.

DRUG CLERK WANTED—Junior drug clerk or boy with some experience; at once. 3201 Franklin av.

FEEDER WANTED—For cutter and presses; or first-class job feeder; good wages. Paris Med. Co., 2628 Pine st.

FREIGHT CLERK WANTED—Familiar with miscellaneous freight, accounting work; $15; state age and experience. Ad. W 98, Post-Dispatch.

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LABORERS WANTED—Apply 2800 De Kalb st.

LABORERS WANTED—At once; good pay; steady work; call 334 East Broadway, East St. Louis. 2d floor front.

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LABORERS WANTED—Colored concrete laborers; Olive and Walton; apply in morning early. Heman Con. Co.

LASTER WANTED—McKay work. Southern Shoe Co., 900 N. 12th st.

LABORERS WANTED—10 laborers Saturday morning on Russell and Vandeventer avs. A. J. Madden, contractor.

MACHINIST WANTED—With engineer's license. Ad. Y [illegible], Post-Dispatch.

MAN WANTED—Sober, industrious man, to care for horses and drive grocery delivery. Heinzelmann, Kirkwood, Mo.

MAN WANTED—Good young man, single or married, for driving a milk wagon; good pay. Ad. E 1, Post-Dispatch.

MAN WANTED—Young man. Kregel Casket Co., 1401 N. 18th st.

MAN WANTED—Good, reliable, colored, for inside and outside work; refs. required. 3741 Washington av.

MAN WANTED—To take care of horses and work around yard. Apply 2616 Brannon av.

MAN WANTED—An experienced man to press pants. 3644A S. Broadway.

MAN WANTED—Good single man or lady to help pickle pig feet; good home. 310 Sidney st.

MAN WANTED—Young man to learn the hardware business and to drive delivery wagon; must speak German. Ad. Y 25, Post-Dispatch.

MEAT CUTTER WANTED—A No. 1 meat cutter; one who understands groceries. Heinzelmann, Kirkwood, Mo.

MEN WANTED—Everywhere, good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

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MEN WANTED—To work on tile and general clay molding; steady work. Apply at once to superintendent molding department, Christy Fire Clay Co., Morganford rd. and Gravois av.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

PORTER WANTED—Boy, for barber shop. 515A N. Vandeventer, near Olive.

PORTER WANTED—White man to do porter work. 6119 Easton av.

PRINTER WANTED—To take charge of composing room. Ad. Y 49, Post-Dispatch.

PRIVATE diseases a specialty at Franklin Avenue Free Dispensary, 1214 Franklin av.

SHOEMAKER WANTED—Good shoemaker; steady work. 1506 N. 17th st.

SHOEMAKER WANTED—Puller-over on men's McKay and welts. Brown Shoe Co., 18th and Wash sts.

STEAM DRILLERS WANTED—First-class steam drillers; wage $2.35 per day; steady work. The Iola Portland Cement Co., Iola, Kan.

STENOGRAPHER WANTED—Male stenographer and to assist on books; good, steady position; must be willing to work; state age, experience and salary expected. Ad. R 153, Post-Dispatch.

STENOGRAPHER WANTED—Oliver machine; railroad office; some knowledge of accounts; address in long hand; $45; state age and experience. Ad. W 94, Post-Dispatch.

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BOOKKEEPER—Sit. wanted by bookkeeper, stenographer and cashier; 10 years' experience; reference. Ad. Y 151, Post-Dispatch.

CHAMBERMAID—Sit. wanted by colored girl as chambermaid or to do housework in small family. 1518 Chestnut st., upstairs.

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GIRL—1st-class, colored, wants sit. as nurse; can give refs.; stay at night; distance no object. Call or send postal, 609 N. Garrison, rear, in basement.

HOUSEKEEPER—Lady with experience wants sit. as housekeeper in nice rooming house. Ad. Miss Meyer, 4058 Shenandoah av.

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LADY—Young lady, orphan, must have position at once; 6 years' experience in general office work; best refs. Ad. R 30, Post-Dispatch.

LADY—Practical, energetic lady would assist refined family of means with house duties; West End preferred. Ad. R 75, Post-Dispatch.

LADY—Sit. wanted by lady with experience as working housekeeper in nice rooming house. Ad. Mrs. Meyer, 4058 Shenandoah av.

LAUNDRESS—1st-class laundress wants work by day; best reference. 2624 Wash st.

LAUNDRESS—Wanted, by reliable colored woman, laundry work; go out or take home. 2229 Lucas.

LAUNDRESS—Strong colored woman wants to wash and iron Wednesdays and Thursdays; good city ref. 3228 N. Compton.

LAUNDRESS—Sit. wanted by first-class laundress to take ladies' or small family washing; don't call but please write. Jennie Parient, 3924A Fairfax.

LAUNDRESS—Sit. wanted to take small washing home; cistern water, nice place to dry in winter; references. Mary Owens, 4316 St. Ferdinand.

LAUNDRESS—Sit. wanted by colored laundress 2 1st days in week. R. R., 2632 Randolph st.

LAUNDRESS—Good colored laundress wants work or ironing, Tuesday. Ad. E., 2627 Randolph.

LAUNDRESS—Wanted, washing to take home. Call or ad. 2613A Lucas av., upstairs.

LAUNDRESS—Work wanted by first-class laundress; can give good references; write or call. Ad. Laundress, 2652 Lucas av.

NURSE—3 years' experience; confinement, fever; best reference; $1 day. Ad. Y 20, Post-Dis.

OFFICEWOMAN—Sit. wanted to do office work; rapid penman, accurate at figures; use Oliver typewriter. Ad. W 2, Post-Dispatch.

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STENOGRAPHER—Sit. wanted by lady with some experience as stenographer; accurate and willing to do any clerical work; terms moderate. Ad. Miss H. C. Webb, 3619 Cote Brilliante av.

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STENOGRAPHER—1st-class stenographer desires position; rapid and accurate; small salary. 3401 Morgan st.

STENOGRAPHER—Position wanted by experienced young lady stenographer; Remington; reference. Ad. R 75, Post-Dispatch.

STENOGRAPHER—Sit. wanted by experienced stenographer. Ad. Y 13, Post-Dispatch.

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YOUNG LADY—Young lady, 26 years old, wishes situation as housekeeper in small family or for gentlemen. Ad. 2314½ Sheridan av.

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BOOKKEEPER WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper and stenographer; permanent position; state experience and salary desired. Ad. Y 11, P.-D.

BOOKKEEPER WANTED—Lady bookkeeper and stenographer; must be thoroughly competent in both branches; state salary, experience and reference. Ad. R 102, Post-Dispatch.

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COOK WANTED—Good, plain cook; reference required. Ad. Y 21, Post-Dispatch.

COOK WANTED—Colored cook; small private family. 4235 Delmar bl.

COOK WANTED—Good colored girl from the country to cook and do housework; must be a good worker; good reference. Ad. L 3, Post-Dispatch.

COOK WANTED—Good cook; German preferred; no washing or ironing; good wages. Apply to J. P. Helfenstein, Webster Groves; take Meramec Highlands cars, get off at Jefferson av. and go south one block.

COOK WANTED—Good steady female cook. 1631 Locust st.

COOK WANTED—Girl to do cooking and general housework. Call on Mrs. Broadhead, Clayton, Mo.

DINING ROOM GIRL WANTED—Experienced dining room girl. 3359 Pine st.

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FOLDERS WANTED—8 band folders on ladies' shoes; 3 top stitchers on men's shoes; 2 side rowers on men's shoes. Brown Shoe Co., 18th and Wash sts.

GIRLS WANTED—Woman Paper Box Co., 8th and Walnut sts.

GIRLS WANTED—50 girls to pick nuts; steady work. Apply Funsten's, 300 N. Commercial st.

GIRLS WANTED—8 girls about 16 years old for [illegible]

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.
14 Words or Less, 10 Cents.
Business Announcements, 10 Cents a Line.

GIRL WANTED—For factory work. A. Giesel Mfg. Co., 2d and Clark av.

GIRL WANTED—Colored kitchen girl. 108 N. 7th st.

GIRL WANTED—To keep factory books; must be accurate at figures and have some experience; good position to right party. Apply Grabinsky & Co., 7th and Morgan.

GIRLS WANTED—Experienced, to work on package coffee. S. e. cor. 7th and Elm sts.

GIRL WANTED—To help wait on table in small restaurant. 1228 S. Broadway.

GIRL WANTED—To clean up two sewing rooms in return for 6 months' course of dressmaking, cutting and fitting. Call 3831 Finney av. A. Friedman Tailoring School.

GIRL WANTED—For dining room work. 1106 S. 4th st.

GIRL WANTED—A good colored girl for cooking and housework; no washing or ironing. 6009 Bartmer av.

GIRL WANTED—Dining room girl, for restaurant. 2123 Market st.

GIRLS WANTED—Bright girls to work in fitting room. Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co., 21st and Locust sts.

GIRL WANTED—A good German girl or woman, for cooking; small family. 2 Shaw av. pl.

GIRLS WANTED—Moser C. P. & B. Co., 208 Elm.

GIRLS WANTED—Experienced straw hat sewers. Sylvester C. Judge Hat Factory, 1819-1825 Pine.

GIRLS WANTED—To make wire frames; also some to learn. Sylvester C. Judge Hat Factory, 1819-1825 Pine st.

GIRLS WANTED—To do top finishing on pants; also experienced machine operators on pants. Apply to Schwab Clothing Co., 15th and Olive sts., 4th floor.

HOME WORK—$10 per 1000 to copy short letters at home; 20c per hour; money advanced weekly; two stamps with application. P. M. & Co., box 386E, Kalamazoo, Mich.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—One who prefers good home and small wages. Call 6 p. m., 2802½ N. Broadway. R. Bruce.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good girl for general housework; must be good cook; good wages and home. 4621 Morgan st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Reliable exp. girl for general housework; liberal wages; no washing; bring references. 5057A McPherson av.

HOUSEWOMAN WANTED—Woman for housework that wants good home more than wages. 3515 Cass av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework; two in family; good wages. 3740 Olive st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework; small family; nice place; good wages. 5545 Cates av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For housework. 1312 S. 7th st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl to do general housework, small family, good wages; German preferred. 1415 Baugh av., East St. Louis, Ill.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good girl for general housework. 2612 Park av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework. 1816 Lami st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework; family of four. 4235 Lindell bl.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—White girl for general housework. 4050 Delmar bl.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good girl for general housework; no washing or ironing; good pay. 3806 Delmar bl.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good girl for general housework; good wages. 3329 Lawton av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework; no washing. 3905 Cleveland av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Young girl to assist with general housework. 3436 Lawton av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework. Call 1133 Hodiamont av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl or woman for housework. 2310 Walnut st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Small family; no washing. 4605 Maryland av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good, for general housework. 3009 Park av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework, at once. 3336 Lucas av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework. 4806 Easton av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good girl for general housework; German preferred. 518 N. Theresa av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; good wages; one child. 1917 Virginia av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework. 5083 Morgan st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework; must be good cook. 5140 Cabanne.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl to do housework. 1509 Pine st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—For general housework. 2227 Pine st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; no laundry work. 4384 McPherson av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good girl, white or colored, for general work in small family; no washing; also one capable of caring for an invalid lady. 3124A Bell av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good white girl for housework; in small family. 4263 West Belle.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; small family. 1229 Morrison av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A competent housegirl. 4102 Cook av.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—Who can operate a 25-room hotel; must be of good nature, honest and understand the business; wages $5 weekly with room; a good place for a good, capable woman. Ad. Y 18, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; give references. 4935 Fountain av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl or woman for general housework. 2138 S. Compton av.

LADIES WANTED—1000 young ladies to sit for When $2 photos; reduced from $4. 1631 Franklin av.

LADIES WANTED—Steady, clean work; good pay; can take home. 719 N. Leffingwell, near Morgan.

LADY WANTED—Young lady for office work; salary $8 per week. Ad. in own handwriting, stating age and experience, G 2, Post-Dispatch.

LADY WANTED—Young lady, willing to work, to give massage treatment. 2319 Olive st.

LADY WANTED—With boy about 14 to travel with blind man. 1812 Olive st.

LAUNDRESS WANTED—For Mondays and Tuesdays. Apply Saturday morning at 5803 Bartmer.

MACHINE GIRLS WANTED—Experienced machine girls on vests. 621 Lynch st.

MACHINE OPERATORS WANTED—Experienced operators on power machines to make ladies' white lawn shirtwaists; steady work and best price paid. Apply to A. Neuville, 4th floor, 1006 Locust st.

NURSE WANTED—Lady to wait on sick person; one experienced in nursing preferred. 3752 Olive.

OPERATORS WANTED—25 sewing machine operators on overalls and shirts; will teach new beginners; steady employment; good wages. Premium Mfg. Co., 1008-10 St. Charles st.

SALESLADY WANTED—Girl saleslady, candy store; well recommended. Apply today, 1915A Olive st.

SALESLADY WANTED—First-class saleslady for dry goods store; no other need apply. 2654 Chouteau av.

SEAMSTRESSES WANTED—Girls to sew tents and wagon covers; power machines. Zittlosen Mfg. Co., 420 N. 3d st.

SHOEMAKERS WANTED—Top stitcher and vamper. L. B. Joslin Shoe Co., Collins and Biddle sts.

STITCHERS WANTED—Stitchers, packers and girls for all machines. Crown Shoe Co., 1512 Clark av.

TAILORESS WANTED—Tailoress at 3516 Olive.

WAISTHAND WANTED—First-class waisthand, at once. Smith, 4102 Westminster pl.

WAITRESS WANTED—Come ready for work. 513 Walnut st., Olympic Restaurant.

WIRE FRAME MAKERS WANTED—Also girls to learn. Syl. Clarke, 415 Lucas av.

WOMAN WANTED—White woman as kitchen help. 1137 Olive st.

WOMAN WANTED—To work in dining room and help with chamber work; married preferred. 1414 Washington av.

DISEASES OF THE EYE
Treated by Dr. Moritz, 612 Franklin av.; $1 per week; consultation free.

LAUNDRY HELP WANTED.
14 Words or Less, 20c.

PRESSERS WANTED—On ladies' garments, in dyeing and cleaning place. 1418 Washington av.

SHIRT FINISHERS WANTED—10 first-class A1 shirt finishers on new work; steady work and good pay guaranteed; we pay the highest prices in the city. Ferguson-McKinney Laundry, 1620 N. 13th st.

BOOKS.

BOOKS of all kinds [illegible]

ROOMS FOR RENT.
14 Words or Less, 10 Cents.

BELL AV., 3212—Large, bright, nicely furnished room for housekeeping; hot bath; no children.

BELL AV., 4616—Modern, new flat; newly decorated; 4 rooms, bath, hot water, laundry, furnace; rent $25. Cavanaugh, 802 Chestnut st.

BENTON ST., 1422—2d floor, 4 large rooms, gas and water.

BROADWAY, 107 N.—Rooms, 50c, 75c, $1 per day; weekly rates correspond.

BROADWAY, 513 S.—Clean, nicely furnished small rooms; with heating stoves; $1.25 and $1.50 per week.

CHANNING AV., 616 N.—One or two rooms, furnished or unfurnished, for housekeeping; no children.

CHANNING AV., 105 N.—Elegant furnished parlor; also 2 small rooms; all conveniences.

CHOUTEAU AV., 1018—Well furnished room; light housekeeping; $1.75 week.

CHOUTEAU AV., 1467—Newly furnished rooms for light housekeeping; $1.25 up.

CHOUTEAU AV., 1112—2 connecting rooms, furnished complete for housekeeping; laundry; $3 week; other rooms, $2.

CHOUTEAU AV., 1744—Large front and connecting rooms for housekeeping; ref. required.

DELMAR BL., 4118—Handsomely furnished rooms, first-class, $2 to $6.

DICKSON ST., 2816—Furn. rooms for gents or light housekeeping; all modern convs.

EASTON AV., 2814—Furnished rooms, 2d floor, bath; $1.50 week up.

EASTON AV., 3020—Room, $5; over barber shop. Inquire upstairs.

EASTON AV., 3019—Large front room; furnished for housekeeping; 2d floor; $3 week.

EASTON AV., 3005—Large, cheerful furnished room; complete for housekeeping; closet; bath; conveniences.

EIGHTEENTH ST., 1124 N.—Neatly furnished rooms; bath and all conveniences.

EIGHTEENTH ST., 1718 N.—Connecting rooms for housekeeping; small rooms; $1.25 week up.

EIGHTEENTH ST., 1200 S.—2 connecting fur. rooms for light housekeeping; all conv.; cheap.

EUGENIA ST., 2033—Furnished rooms for housekeeping.

EWING AV., 115 N.—Furnished rooms for gentlemen.

FINNEY AV., 3750—Suite of rooms for light housekeeping; bath, gas.

FINNEY AV., 3910A—Newly furnished 2d parlor, for one or two gentlemen; steam heated, electric light; modern conveniences; private family.

FINNEY AV., 4134—Front room; complete for housekeeping; folding bed; fire, gas, bath; reas.

FINNEY AV., 4477A—Newly furnished rooms; heat and gas; $6, $8 and $10 per month.

GAMBLE ST., 2871—Nicely furnished room, with privilege of housekeeping; hot bath; all conv.

GOODFELLOW AV., 944—Two rooms, furnished or unfurnished; reasonable to right party.

GRAND AV. 2 N.—Nicely furnished front rooms; gas, bath, furnace heat; private family; reas.

HOTEL ST. LOUIS, Fourth and Locust sts. Rooms by day, week or month; $2 week up; all convs.

LACLEDE AV., 3514—Single or connecting rooms for light housekeeping; terms reas.

LACLEDE AV., 3414—Connecting front room, 1st floor; reasonable rent; light housekeeping; no children.

LACLEDE AV., 3419—Furnished rooms; gentlemen or housekeeping; furnace heat, hot water, etc.

LACLEDE AV., 2919—Two nicely furnished 2d story front connecting rooms.

LA SALLE ST., 1625—2 or 3 connecting unfurnished rooms, so. ex.; rent reas.

LAWTON AV., 2712—Neatly furnished front connecting rooms for housekeeping; cook stove; bath; conveniences.

LAWTON AV., 3043—Large front rooms, for light housekeeping.

LAWTON AV., 3142—Nice large furnished front and connecting rooms, for housekeeping.

LAWTON AV., 3308—One or two nicely furnished front rooms, with or without housekeeping.

LAWTON AV., 3133—Two furnished housekeeping rooms; strictly private family; all conveniences; two beds.

LINDELL AV., 3537—Large furnished front room for light housekeeping, $6 per month.

LOCUST ST., 3002—Nicely furnished front 2d and 3d story rooms; heat and bath included.

LOCUST ST., 2813—Nicely furnished front and back parlor; with hot and cold bath; terms reas.

LOCUST ST., 2311—Furnished rooms; very fine front room; furnace heat; will allow light housekeeping.

LOCUST ST., 2612—Nicely furnished hall room; gas, furnace heat; modern conveniences.

LUCAS AV., 3015—Very desirable, newly furnished, clean rooms; 2d floor front, $15 one.

LUCAS AV., 2921—2 nicely furnished rooms, complete for housekeeping; hot bath, so. ex.

MORGAN ST., 2787—Nicely furnished front parlor for 2 gentlemen; every convenience; home comforts; rent reasonable.

MORGAN ST., 2737—Nicely furnished front and back parlors; second floor; single or en suite; every convenience.

MORGAN ST., 3136—Warm, light front parlor or small room; furnace, gas, bath; first-class; refined gentlemen or ladies; $3.75 and $1.50.

MORGAN ST., 1913—Furnished rooms for gents or housekeeping; also hall room.

MORGAN ST., 3103—Small furnished room; also unfurnished room.

MORGAN ST., 3126—Neatly furnished 2d-story front and connecting rooms, complete for light housekeeping; furnace heat, hot bath and gas.

MORGAN ST., 2847—Nicely furn. steam-heated hall room.

NINETEENTH ST., 911 N.—Well furnished rooms, for light housekeeping; every convenience.

NORTH PARK PL., 1419—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping.

OLIVE ST., 2205—Nicely furnished room, suitable for one or two gents.

OLIVE ST., 4213A—2d, also 3d floor front rooms, furnace heat; reasonable and convenient.

OLIVE ST., 3532—Newly furnished room; bath, furnace heat, gas; one-half block from Grand.

OLIVE ST., 3229—Nice large room; heated; $2 per week or $1 each for two.

OLIVE ST., 2333—Nicely furnished rooms for ladies or gents; reasonable.

OLIVE ST., 1811—Nicely furnished room.

OLIVE ST., 1605—Nice large room, complete for housekeeping; 2d floor; $2.50 per week.

OLIVE ST., 1526—Furnished rooms for housekeeping, $2.25; hall room, $1.25 per week.

PINE ST., 3429—Beautiful 2d story front alcove and dressing room; southern exposure.

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PINE ST., 3405—Nicely furnished rooms; furnace heat; hot bath.

PINE ST., 3009—Lovely, large, light, unfurnished rooms, for light housekeeping; cheap; look at them.

PINE ST., 918—Elegantly furnished rooms; steam heat, electric light and elevator service.

PINE ST., 2700—Beautifully furnished sunny front room; also hall room; heat, gas, bath.

ROOM—Nice bed room; heat and hot bath; for a quiet couple; neighborhood good. A 4, P.-D.

ROOM—Nicely furnished front room; by widow. Ad. E 3, Post-Dispatch.

ROOM—Nicely furnished front room, in private family. Apply at 1103 Vandeventer.

SARAH ST., 617 N.—2d floor front, furnished; women employed or couple; reasonable.

SIXTEENTH ST., 711 N.—For colored, nicely furnished room, 2d floor; all conveniences.

SIXTH ST., 707 N.—Nice rooms, light housekeeping, furnished or unfurnished; private family; reasonable.

SPRING AV., 20 N.—2 nicely furnished rooms; light housekeeping.

STODDARD ST., 2627—2 neatly furnished rooms for light housekeeping, also back room with nice cook stove, together or separate; very reas.; 3 blocks north of Franklin av.

TAYLOR AV., 616A N.—Near Delmar bl.; furnished parlor and bedroom; bath, gas, heat; 3 car lines.

TENTH ST., 1723 N.—Furnished warm room, for two gentlemen, $1.50; one gentleman, $1.

TWELFTH ST., 2300 S.—Furnished room for light housekeeping; steam heat, hot and cold water in room.

TWENTY-THIRD ST., 15A N.—Two unfurnished rooms.

VANDEVENTER AV., 1133—Newly furnished rooms; bath, heat and light; $1.50 week.

VINE ST., [illegible]—2 blocks south of Washington av.; [illegible]

WASH ST., [illegible] furnished rooms, with cook [illegible] for housekeeping.

ROOMS FOR RENT.
14 Words or Less, 10 Cents.

WASHINGTON AV., 1608—Nicely furnished rooms for housekeeping, $2 and up; room for gent, $1.

WASHINGTON AV., 1601—Nicely furnished front rooms, with fire, $1.50 per week.

WASHINGTON AV., 1635—Large and small rooms; nicely furnished for light housekeeping.

WASHINGTON AV., 3402—Nicely furnished room.

WASHINGTON AV., 3102—Furn. room private home; every convenience; refs. required.

WASHINGTON AV., 3115—Elegantly furnished rooms; furnace heat, hot porcelain bath, modern conveniences; reasonable.

WASHINGTON AV., 1809—Nicely furnished front and back rooms; newly papered; with fire and gas; cheap rent.

WEST END PL., 512—Two furnished 3d story fronts, $3; very desirable for light housekeeping; near Grand av. and Olive.

ROOMS WITH BOARD.
14 Words or Less, 10 Cents.

BOARDING—Widow having 20-room boarding house, Delmar, near Pendleton, wishes to cater to refined Jewish people; newly furnished; every convs.; steam heat; phone; first-class meals. Ad. G 3, Post-Dispatch.

BOARDING—Room and board in private family for two gents; $4 per week. Ad. R 101, P.-D.

COMPTON AV., 1120 N.—Nicely furnished room; steam heat, with board; $4 week for 2; private family.

COOK AV., 4272—Nicely furnished room; hot water heat; choicest board; reasonable.

COOK AV., 3947—Neatly fur. cozy room, with board; for 2; $9 week; German cooking.

COOK AV., 4104—2 newly furnished rooms; excellent board; furnace heat; gentlemen preferred.

COOK AV., 3402—Furnace heated front room, with board; $3 weekly; parlor; piano.

DELMAR BL., 3710—Best rooms and board in city; reasonable; every convenience.

EAST GRAND AV., 2004 (Opposite Tower)—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping or 2 meals; with or without meals.

EASTON AV., 3036—Rooms, furnished; quiet; 1st-class; gas, bath, furnace heat; board optional.

EASTON AV., 4531—Boarders wanted by day or week.

FINNEY AV., 3646—Newly furnished rooms; with board; terms reasonable; private family.

FINNEY AV., 3650—Room and board in private family; modern conveniences; home comforts.

FINNEY AV., 4109—Newly furnished rooms with board; all convs.

GATY AV., 1240 (East St. Louis, Ill.)—Nicely furnished room, suitable for one or two gentlemen, with or without board; furnace heat, hot and cold water.

HAMILTON AV., 924—Furnished rooms with board in private family for couple.

LACLEDE AV., 3522—2d story front room; all conveniences; good board; $4.50 week.

LACLEDE AV., 3514—Good board; with or without board; hot bath, gas; everything first-class; terms reasonable.

LAWTON AV., 2923—Lovely 2d story front; excellent board; all conveniences; own home; $4.50 per week.

LINDELL AV., 3637—Room for three employed; home cooking; $3 per week each.

LOCUST ST., 2630—Furnished room; first-class board.

LOCUST ST., 1425—Nicely furnished rooms; with board; heat, bath; first-class and reasonable.

LOCUST ST., 3107—2d story front room; good table; good service; gas, furnace, so. exp.

LOCUST ST., 3019—2d story, warm, light room; hot and cold water in room; board; 2 gentlemen or couple.

LUCAS AV., 3713—Neatly furnished heated room; excellent board; reasonable.

LUCAS AV., 2930—Pleasant front and back rooms; first-class board; furnace, hot bath, gas.

M'PHERSON AV., 3945A—Nicely furnished, steam heated room; with or without board; priv. fam.

MORGAN ST., 3427—Large front room; splendid heat; modern; good meals; low rates to gentlemen.

MORGAN ST., 4233 WEST—Will rent with board to desirable couple, a nice large southeast corner room, so. ex., just newly and elegantly furnished; excellent table; best of service; strictly private family; call evenings.

MORGAN ST., 4372—First-class room and board; all accommodations.

MORGAN ST., 4018—Two 2d story south front rooms; nicely furnished; furnace heat; excellent board.

OLIVE ST., 3702—Furnished or unfurnished 2d-story front and connecting room; modern conveniences; 1st-class board; also day boarders accommodated.

PAGE BL., 4524—Nicely furnished room; 2 in family; with or without board.

PAGE BL., 3919—Large 2d story front room; good board; modern conveniences; also large front room at $9 week for two.

PARK AV., 2233—Elegantly furnished room, good table board; all convs.

PINE ST., 3016—Nicely furnished rooms; single or en suite; conveniences; board if desired; gents only.

PINE ST., 3559—Large room; stationary washstand; bath; excellent board.

PINE ST., 3538—Nicely furnished rooms with board for gentlemen; steam heat; every conv.

ROOM AND BOARD—Gentlemen or couple to board; newly furnished rooms, with all conveniences and German cooking; terms reasonable; first-class neighborhood. Ad. Y 44, Post-Dis.

ST. ANGE AV., 1302—Nicely furnished front rooms; 1st floor; suitable for 2 or young married couple; conveniences; board.

WASHINGTON BL., 5070—Large 2d floor room; refined; modern home; good cooking; conv. to cars.

WASHINGTON AV., 3930—Furnished or unfurnished front rooms, with board, $4.50 and $5.50 per week.

WASHINGTON AV., 3145—Lovely rooms with board; furnace heat; all conveniences.

WASHINGTON AV., 3107—Rooms, with board; furnace heat.

WASHINGTON AV., 2206—Room and board; first floor; bath; private home cooking; $4.50 week; with fire; gents only.

WASHINGTON BL., 3926—Neatly furnished room for two; bath; good board; very reasonable.

WEST BELLE PL., 4256—2d story room, with board; furnace heat; two gents or ladies employed.

WEST BELLE PL., 4348—Nicely furnished room; hot bath; modern conveniences; private family; good board.

WEST BELLE PL., 4310—2d floor furnished rooms, with or without board; modern conv.; reas.

WEST BELLE PL., 4473—Large 2d floor front room, with board, for 2; $38 month; also other rooms on 2d floor; hot bath; furnace; good board.

WHITTEMORE PL., 2940 Nicely furnished room, with board; also day board.

HOUSES, ROOMS, ETC., WANTED.
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ROOMS WANTED—2 unfurnished or 3-room flat; 1st floor preferred; state price. Ad. Y 5, P.-D.

ROOM WANTED—Lady desires room within walking distance of main postoffice; references exchanged. Ad. E 2, Post-Dispatch.

ROOMS WANTED—Two unfurnished rooms; quiet; best reference from present landlord; no children. 4245A Garfield av.

ROOM WANTED—Single room, well heated, vicinity Washington and Jefferson; price and number in family. Ad. Y 34, Post-Dispatch.

ROOMS AND BOARD WANTED.
14 Words or Less, 20c.

ROOM WANTED—Small comfortable room, convenient to 42d and Olive; with or without board. Ad. Y 35, Post-Dispatch.

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED—By couple, room and board; not over $7 week. Ad. R 4, Post-Dis.

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED—By refined gentleman in private family. Ad. Y 37, Post-Dis.

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED—Neighborhood of Garrison and Grand, Laclede and Locust. Ad. E 4, Post-Dispatch.

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED—By young man employed, room and board; no objections to good roommate; must be reasonable and good Christian family. Ad. Y 73, Post-Dispatch.

ROOM AND BOARD WANTED—By refined gentleman, in home of widow or private family. Ad. R 74, Post-Dispatch.

ROOMMATES WANTED.
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ROOMMATE WANTED—For young lady employed; also young man; good board. 3129 Bell av.

ROOMMATES WANTED—1 or 2 men to share comfortable home of bachelor; [illegible] per month. Inquire at Wilson's Umbrella Factory and Repair Shop, 1010½ N. 6th st.

ROOMMATE WANTED—[illegible]

FURNISHED FLATS FOR RENT.
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COMPTON AV., 722½ N.—Nicely furnished 4-room flat; call.

EVANS AV., 3976A—Handsomely furnished flat, 5 and 3 rooms; bath; modern conveniences; no children.

LACLEDE AV., 3800A—Completely furnished 7-room flat; furnace heat; cosy home; thoroughly clean.

NEWSTEAD AV., 1017, cor. West Belle—3-room furnished flat; hot bath; gas range.

PARK AV., 3005—4 rooms, bath, hot and cold water, chandeliers, laundry.

SUBURBAN PROPERTY FOR RENT.
14 Words or less, 10c

HOUSE—7-room house on Comfort av., Maplewood; $15. A. B. Finch, Maplewood.

DWELLINGS FOR RENT.
14 Words or Less, 10 Cents.

COOK AV., 3617—Grand and Cook avs.; 8 rooms; above the average. Lingenfelder, 823 Chestnut.

HICKORY ST., 1829—12 rooms; good brick stable; servants' quarters over; modern and in first-class order; only $50. Holbrook-Blackwelder Real Estate Trust Co., 107 N. 7th st.

HOUSE—For rent or sale, 5-room house, stable, etc.; 1 block from Broadway cars; south of Carondelet; cheap to a careful tenant. A. Mittelberg, 16 N. 7th st.

KENNERLY AV., 5071—New 6-room brick house; hall, bath, hot and cold water; $20; keys 5968. Dreymer, 941 Vandeventer av.

RUTGER ST., 1110—8-room house; bath, laundry, hot and cold water, furnace.

TEMPLE PL., 1434—9 rooms, furnace, laundry, bath, hot and cold water.

FLATS FOR RENT
14 Words or Less, 10 Cents.

COLEMAN ST., 2514A—Five-room flat; $20. S. H. Morton, 322 Lincoln Trust b'dg.

ELEVENTH ST., 1112 S.—Between Chouteau av. and Hickory st.; 2 nice rooms and kitchen; apply opposite, 1101.

GARRISON AV., 608 N.—3-room flat, 2d floor with water; good condition.

LAWTON AV., 3419—4-room parlor flat; gas fixtures and bath; no children.

MADISON ST., 1109—2d floor flat, 6 rooms; hot bath; no children.

PRESTON PL., 1746A-1748A—Near Lafayette Park; 3 and 4 rooms, bath; key 1750.

RIDGE AV., 6167—4-room flat; Easton and Suburban cars; cheap; small family.

RUTGER ST., 4448—3-room flat, with bath, etc.; in good condition; rent $14. Key upstairs. R. A. Richardson R. E. Co., 616 Chestnut st.

SHENANDOAH AV., 3959A—Modern, new 6-room flat; furnace, gas fixtures, etc.; decorate to suit; rent $27.50. Vrooman & Co., 8½ N. 8th st.

THIRTEENTH ST., 2636 S.—5 rooms, bath, hall and attic room; $22.

TO LET FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.
14 Words or Less, 10 Cents.

HOTEL—After Dec. 31, 1902, the Hotel Dyersburg (3-story brick), 30 or 40 rooms, electric lights, bells, water and bathrooms on each floor; elevator, sample rooms, etc.; unfurnished, but present occupant wishes to sell the furnishings. Ad. W. H. Tucker, Dyersburg, Tenn.

THEATRICAL.
14 Words or Less, 20 Cents.

GIRL WANTED—To sing illustrated songs, also piano player; must travel. Call room 1, 1304 Olive st.

PARTNER WANTED—Dutch comedian wants partner for sketch team; experience not necessary. Ad. Y 42, Post-Dispatch.

PROF. RICHARDS' Stage School—Stage dancing, dramatic art, taught any hour. 1302 Olive.

YOUNG LADIES WANTED—And gentlemen for traveling dramatic company; give age, height and weight. Ad. R 73, Post-Dispatch.

DRESSMAKING.
14 Words or less, 20c

THE dressmaking firm of Schulman & Hart has dissolved partnership and Mrs. Hart would still like to see all the old customers at the same place, 810 N. High st.

BUSINESS CHANCES.
14 Words or Less, 20c.

BAKERS—Get prices on oven from the Midleby Oven Mfg. Co., 60 W. Van Buren st., Chicago; can be seen in operation at 510 N. Sarah st.

BUSINESS CHANCE—Wanted, an active man with small capital (builder or carpenter preferred) to sell patented article to be applied to doors and windows, rendering them tight against admission of cold air, dust and soot; exclusive territory given; reference required. Ad. McRae Green, General Western Agent, De Menil bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

BUSINESS CHANCE—For sale, watch and clock repairing outfit, complete, including small safe. Call at 215 N. 28th st., near Olive.

TREASURER WANTED—For large corporation; good salary; must invest or procure investment of $3000; investment will draw 5 per cent interest and be secured by first mortgage on city property; only active man wanted. P 2, P.-D.

BUSINESS FOR SALE.
14 Words or Less, 20 Cents.

BAKERY—Downtown; $100 down, balance $2.50 week; 7 rooms; stable, horse, wagon; complete outfit; 23 years established; $500 month income; bargain.
GLASCOCK BROKERAGE CO., 902 Chestnut st.

BOARDING HOUSE—Prominent thoroughfare, near Garrison; 11 well furnished, always filled rooms; $200 down, balance ($375) easy monthly; detached house. See
GLASCOCK BROKERAGE CO., 902 Chestnut st.

BOARDING HOUSE—West of Grand, near Olive; 8 rooms; high priced guests; sell $350; only $100 down; balance easy monthly; snap.
GLASCOCK BROKERAGE CO., 902 Chestnut st.

DAIRY—Selling 240 gallons milk daily. 335 Missouri av., East St. Louis.

GROCERY—Cash grocery and meat market; at invoice; long lease. Call 722 N. High st.

GROCERY—For sale, grocery and saloon; splendid location for first-class saloon. R 126, P.-D.

GROCERY STORE—And vegetables. Ad. R 133, Post-Dispatch.

LAUNDRY PLANT—Horse, wagons; bargain. 101 N. 3d st., East St. Louis, Ill.

RESTAURANT—Olive, near colleges; heart best rooming district; direct-line Fair grounds; $700 month income; living rooms; $250 secures; see immediately.
GLASCOCK BROKERAGE CO., 902 Chestnut st.

ROOMING HOUSE—2320 Pine st.; nicely furnished; comfortable home; bargain for cash.

ROOMING AND BOARDING HOUSE—16 rooms; near Fair Grounds; $400 month income; nearly new outfit; rent $25; cash, rest in board.
GLASCOCK BROKERAGE CO., 902 Chestnut st.

ROOMING HOUSE—For sale, large newly furnished well fitted comfortable house, besides clearing $50 month; bargain; answer at once. Ad. W 3, Post-Dispatch.

SALOON—Paying Easton av. saloon; good thing; must sell quick, account sickness. Ad. R 84, Post-Dispatch.

DANCING.
14 Words or Less, 20c.

ALL the rage; Prof. Schulte's select reception Sunday afternoon and night. Academy 2725 Franklin av.

ATTEND Prof. Schulte's select receptions Thursdays, Sunday afternoon and night. Academy, 2725 Franklin av.

ENJOY yourself at Hashagen's Hall, 3300 Easton; dancing every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evening.

JOIN Prof. and Mrs. Frankel's dancing classes Monday and Friday evenings; best attention given to new beginners. Academy 1441 Chouteau av.

MRS. BEHENSKY guarantees waltz and two-step for $3; hours 7 to 10 p. m. 1210 Olive st.

PROF. PARKE guarantees waltz and two-step for $3; private lessons any hour. 1302 Olive st.

PROF. DE HONEY'S Academy, 3944 Olive st.; finest hall and best location in city (no Saturday night or Sunday dancing or saloon connected); new term open for beginners; fall term, $3 to all coming this week; waltz and two-step taught in private lessons, $3; call at once and take advantage of our cut rate. Kinloch 1998A.

WALTZ, the foundation of all round dances, taught in strictly private lessons for $1; all dances $5. Prof. Lillybeck's Academy, 225 S. Jefferson av.

MACHINERY.
14 Words or Less, 20 Cents.

Wanted.

BORING MACHINE WANTED—1 2d-hand boring machine; suitable for hand, foot and machine power; to be in good condition. F 98, P.-D.

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LOST AND FOUND.
14 Words or Less, 20 Cents.

Lost.

BREASTPIN—Lost, on Cass av., last Sunday; picture of man and little girl on pin; finder please return to B. Bowen, 1815 Cass av.

CUFF BUTTON—Lost, gold cuff button; on Cabanne av., between Goodfellow and Clara avs. Return to 5844 Maple av.

DEMAND CERTIFICATE, No. 37,376, for $400, issued by International Bank of St. Louis, Dec. 8. Liberal reward, no questions asked, if returned to 911 Security bldg.

DOG—Lost, strayed or stolen, white and tan fox terrier; answers to name of Foxy, from 3940 Maffitt av.; 1902 license on collar; reward.

DOG—Lost, large yellow St. Bernard dog; rope around neck; name Carlo. Reward for return to 2062 De Soto.

DOG—Strayed or stolen, part pug and Italian hound, 7 months old; very small; has head like a fox; answers to name of Pete; reward. 726 N. Compton.

DOG—Lost, brindle and white Boston terrier; has owner's name and address on collar. Liberal reward if returned to 4440 Lindell bl.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, Dec. 3, pocketbook; Sadie Horner's address and stamped photos in it. Return to Harry Colman, 2121 Eugenia st.; reward.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, on Suburban car, pocketbook containing a sum of money and newspaper clippings; liberal reward. Return to P. S. Drown, 110 N. 4th st.

RINGS—Lost, 3 diamond set rings and 1 solitaire diamond ring, at Grand-Leader ladies' toilet room. Reward if returned to M. Bond, 1624 Olive st.

RING—Lost, a diamond ring set with 3 small diamonds. Return and receive reward, 934 N. 3d st.

TO Y 33.—Please call at office of Post-Dispatch for a full description of pocketbook lost Nov. 20 last. W. C. Brown, 3020 Cleveland av.

WATCH—Lost, on Broadway or Olive st., lady's small gold watch. Return to 324 Odd Fellows' bldg. and receive reward.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS WANTED.
14 Words or Less, 20c.

ABSOLUTELY full value paid for household goods, entire contents of houses and flats bought. M. Dickson, 2944 Washington av., tel. B 1369.

ALL KINDS of furniture, carpets, stoves; highest price; send postal. Bensinger, 2020 Franklin av.

ALL KINDS of household goods and feathers wanted; send postal. Bensinger, 756 Walton av., 1704 Franklin av.

ALL KINDS furniture, pianos, carpets, contents of houses, flats, stores bought; highest prices paid. Wolf, 2645 Park av.; phone C 465, Main 1580 M.

FEATHER BEDS—We pay $5 to $15 each; send postal. T. J. Ryan, West End Station.

FURNITURE—Highest price paid for second-hand household furniture. Hy. C. Wiehe Storage Co., 1516 Franklin; Kinloch 963 C.

FURNITURE bought in any quantity; best prices for entire contents of houses and flats. Jones & Co., 1143 Olive st.; C 742; Main 157.

FURNITURE WANTED—In large or small lots; highest price paid. Drop postal.Gray.823 N 17th.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—I buy furniture, stoves, carpets; carloads small lots. Rice, 2217 Wash.

OLD FEATHERS—For honest weight, reliable dealings; postal. Globe Pillow Co., 3839 Finney.

WANTED—All kinds of furniture, stoves and feathers; highest price paid; send postal. Miller, 1406 Franklin av.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE.
14 Words or Less, 20 Cents.

Furniture.

CHAIR—For sale, almost new folding highchair. 3609 N. 25th st.

DESK—Antique mahogany writing desk (inlaid chippendale), sideboard, work table; other antiques. 3839 Finney av.

DRESSER—Nice oak dresser, with good mirror; almost new; will sell for $8; also fine mahogany wardrobe at $15. 755 Euclid av.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Must be sold this week regardless of sacrifice, everything left of a magnificently furnished home, consisting of mahogany davenport, parlor suite, odd pieces, rockers, mahogany tables, pedestals, parlor cabinet, statuary, library table, mahogany desk, combination bookcase, Turkish leather chairs and rockers, leather couch, massive oak dining set, with leather seat chairs, brass beds with box springs and hair mattresses, mahogany and oak dressers and chiffoniers, 9x12 rugs, draperies, lace curtains, a few choice oil paintings, pictures, mirrors, mantel clocks, bric-a-brac; also mahogany upright piano; goods were bought new six months ago; the best money could buy, and are in perfect condition; rather than pack for storage or shipping will sell for much less than half value; no reasonable offer refused. Call at once. 3663 West Pine bl.

Sewing Machines.

SEWING MACHINES sold, rented, repaired. Singer office, 2205 Franklin av. Kinloch D 153.

SEWING MACHINES—Holiday bargains in sewing machines; we sell all makes of high-grade machines direct from the factory at cut prices; 10c per day will buy a new drop-head machine of any make; new drop-head machines, $12.50 up; good 2d-hand machines, $2.50 up; time or cash; all guaranteed; machines rented and repaired; needles and parts for all makes at half prices; open evenings. New York Sewing Machine Co., 1208-10 Franklin av. Kinloch D 972.

Stoves, Ranges, Etc.

STOVES, ETC.—New heating stoves, cook stoves, ranges, new furniture, misfit carpets, rugs, etc.; big saving for cash; time if desired. New York Storage Co., 2212 to 2219 Wash st.

Miscellaneous.

CHANDELIERS Closing out. Below cost. Our immense stock at retail. BELLE-HICKEY MFG. CO., 901 Lucas av.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—Folding bed, extension table, wardrobe, chairs, etc. 4473 West Belle pl.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS.
14 Words or less, 20c

CANADIAN and foreign money; also unused U. S. postal and revenue stamps wanted for cash. St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co., 1003 Pine st.

WINDOW DISPLAY PIECE WANTED—Something new, original and cheap in the shape of an automatic motion window display piece; answer at once; give full particulars and quantity price. T. L. Post, 212 S. 7th st.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE.
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BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—Ladies, buy your furs right from manufacturer; save 50 per cent; scarfs and boas 75c up; old furs repaired. Harman, Furrier, 2d floor, 820 Franklin.

BUY your paints, glass, etc., from Nieman Bros., oil, 45c; turpentine, 58c; prices and goods will make you a customer. 1911 Park av.; Sidney 428 M; D 1294.

CLOAK—$25; woman's long cloak, with fur collar; size No. 36; will sell for $15. 2651A Allen.

COAL—High-grade, clean coal, 10c bu., delivered. Southern Coal Co. Kin. C 184. 315 S. 14th st.

COAL—Dorr's high grade, 10c per bu; furnace egg, $3 per ton delivered. Edward Dorr, 2013 Market st.; phone, Kinloch C 32.

ENCYCLOPEDIA—For sale, a three-fourths morocco binding Century Dictionary, Encyclopedia and Atlas; 10 volumes; elegant condition. Y 36, P.-D.

OVERCOAT—$15 overcoat for $7; reason for selling, am going to Philippine Islands. Inquire 1408 Pine st. J. W. Thomas.

HORSES AND VEHICLES.
14 Words or Less, 20c.

For Sale.

BUGGIES—Storm buggies, grocer, baker, butcher, laundry, milk, peddler, tailor, undertaker, carpenter, painter, plumber, advertising and light truck spring stake wagons; also a lot odd wheels. Kin. D1671. John Tobinska 1406 N. 7th st.

BUGGY—Top buggy, in good condition, $25. 2518 Fall av.

HORSE—For sale, large bay work horse. Rear 908 Leonard av.

HORSES, ETC.—For cash or on time, No. 1 horses, fresh milk cows, wagons and harness; constantly on hand. E. L. Horese, 1515 N. Broadway.

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HORSES—Good buggy horse, 2 horses, double harness, gentle pony, furniture wagon. 1621 Franklin av., rear.

HORSE—For sale, driving horse, 15½ hands high; cheap; good condition. 417 S. Ewing.

HORSES, ETC.—2 good horses, wagon and harness; sell cheap. 119 S. Compton av.

HORSES—1 pair of 1500-pound horses; 6 years old; sound; also number young delivery horses. 711 N. Theresa av.; phone, D 2062. F. C. Sanford.

NOW is your time to get a team, plenty of work and big wages; if you can't pay for it yourself see us and we will buy it for you. Standard Credit Co., 600 Burlington bldg., 810 Olive st.

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ANIMALS.
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PERSONAL.
14 Words or Less, 20c

PERSONAL—G: Come home or telephone at once and stop this trouble we all feel awful; call at P. O. S.

PERSONAL—855: Was sick, and well now; want to see you very soon. Truly, Helen.

PERSONAL—Full dress and Tuxedo suits for rent at M'sfit Parlor, 610 Olive st.

BATHS—20c, 3 tickets for 50c. 1214 Franklin av.

Do you receive anonymous letters? If you wish to learn the identity of the writer of them, communicate with Y 115, Post-Dispatch.

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14 Words or Less, 30c

MATRIMONY—Young man of 33, with no bad habits, would like to meet young lady or widow not over 30; owns his home; object matrimony. Ad. F 4, Post-Dispatch.

PERSONAL SUNDRIES.
14 Words or Less, 20c.

AAAA—1000 business cards, $1; bill and noteheads, envelopes, $1.50. Stapleton & Co., 406 N. 12th.

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PROF. W. J. MARTIN has removed to 2620 Washington av.; the world's greatest clairvoyant. All revealed; nothing concealed; if he does not tell you more facts than all others combined no fee accepted. Tells everything, unites the separated, removes evil influences, etc.; all business confidential; elegant parlors; arranged so you meet no strangers. Hours, 10 a. m. to 7 p. m.

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Free of charge every week. Every purchaser of $1 worth of goods will be given a coupon at the auction sale. 510 and 512 Franklin av. The lucky number of last week is 682.

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14 Words or Less, 20 Cents.

MONEY WANTED—To borrow, $1500; 5 per cent interest; on city property worth $3500. Ad. Y 8, Post-Dispatch.

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14 Words or Less, 20c.

ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF STORAGE — New warehouses, Grand and Laclede; for safekeeping furniture, pianos, valuables, trunks, boxes, etc.; first-class moving, packing, shipping, etc.; money advanced; get our rates; both telephones.
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14 Words or Less, 20 Cents.

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We cheerfully give our TERMS AND RATES.
You get the money on SHORT NOTICE.
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If you want a wagon, harness, buggy—ANYTHING—see us, and we can buy it for you cheaper than you can buy it any place else in the city.
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DON'T PAY a HIGH RATE for money. This a TRUST CO. and our rates are THE LOWEST, and our terms are made to SUIT EVERY ONE. NO DANGER OF LOSING GOODS, as we EXTEND PAYMENTS when you are SICK or OUT OF WORK. Call, write or phone us. Main 2764 M or D 1349.
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We can save you money by using our money. You may have any length of time you want. You can pay us as you can. We will carry your loan when out of work. Our system is easy and reasonable. Call, write or phone us. Kin. C 2173. 904 Olive st., room 205. Mechanics' Finance Co.

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$10.00 to $500.00 loaned on household furniture, pianos or salaries, on the building and loan plan. So much back each week or month. Lowest rates and easy terms. Extensions granted in case of sickness.
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THE MARKETS.

PRODUCE MARKET.

EGGS.

Receipts, 1412 local and 781 through. Shipments, 929. Market steady at 21c for case count and 22c for loss off.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl.: Ben Davis, poor, $1@1.25; fair to good, $1.40@1.60; choice, $1.75@2; wine saps, poor, $1.10@1.25, and choice to fancy, $2@2.25; willow twig, $1.50@2.50; genetin, small and specked, $1@1.25; medium, $1.35@1.40; good to choice, $2; other varieties from $1.25 to $2.50, according to condition.

PEARS—Quiet, Kiefer, by bbl., $2.50@2.75.

ORANGES—Strong. Mexican car lots, Sonora, at $2.50 track, and jobbing sales 25@50c more; Florida, car lots, $2.85@3; California fancy navels, $3.45 on track.

LEMONS—California, $3.50 for choice to $3.75 for fancy per box; Verdell, $3@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, $1@2 per bunch.

LIMES—Per 100, 75c@$1.

GRAPE FRUIT—Jamaica, $2.50@4.50, according to size of boxes.

MALAGA GRAPES—Selling at $6@7 per bbl.

PACIFIC COAST FRUITS—California pears—Duchess at $1.65@1.75, white doyenne at $2, buerre clairgeau at $1.75 per 50-lb box, buerre diel at $1.50@1.65, seckel at $1.25@1.30 per ½ box. Grapes—Emperor at $2.10 per ½ crate. Quinces at $1 per box.

PINEAPPLES—Florida at $3.50@4 per crate; Havana at $1.25 to $2 per dozen.

COCOANUTS—Car lots at $22@23 per 1000 and $2.50@2.65 per 100.

RADISHES—New Orleans iced, 40@50c per dozen bunches for white tipped and 40c for round and [illegible].

SHALLOTS—New Orleans iced at 15c per dozen bunches.

CAULIFLOWER—California, $1.90@2 per crate.

KALE—Home-grown at 10@15c per bu loose.

MUSTARD GREENS—Home-grown 15c per bu loose; orders higher.

CRANBERRIES—Active. Jersey selling in a jobbing way at $8.25@8.50 per bbl. Choice late varieties at $8.75@9 in lots.

GRAPES—Fancy Catawbas in pony baskets steady and quiet at 20c per basket.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Early Ohio at 40@45c per bu; northern on track offered at 44@48c for rough to 50@52c for choice in bulk delivered; Burbank on track 53c and Missouri at 42c.

ONIONS—Choice red firm at from 63@65c delivered in bulk and 60@70c in sacks; yellow at 58c; near-by red at 35@45c; white at 65@70c.

CABBAGE—Steady. Fresh green Holland seed $9; state and poor, $5@7 per ton delivered.

RED CABBAGE—Dull and entirely neglected; offered at $5 to $7 per ton.

STRING BEANS—Florida bushel hampers choice round green sold at $1.65; New Orleans bushel boxes flat and round green (rusty and poor) dull at 50c, but choice round green worth $1.25.

CELERY—Firm; in fair demand. Michigan small-sized at 10@12½c and choice large at 25@30c per bunch; square crates (4 dozen) golden heart at 75@80c. California fancy at $3@3.25 per crate. Home-grown at 25c to 40c per bunch. Celery roots at 25c to 50c per dozen, according to size.

TOMATOES—Scarce. There are inquiries for choice; but poor not wanted. Some home-grown still on the market, selling at $1 to $2 per bushel loose, according to quality. Current offerings of Florida sell at $1.75@2, but fancy worth $2.50 per 6-basket crate.

LETTUCE—New Orleans head lettuce at $2 per sugar barrel.

SPINACH—Home-grown, 10@15c per bushel; orders higher.

ENDIVES—New Orleans at $2 per barrel.

SWEET POTATOES—Home-grown Bermuda at 55@60c; nansemond at 75@90c for red; queen at 60@65c per bu loose; orders higher.

CARROTS—Northern at 55c per 100 pounds in bulk, delivered. Home-grown washed sell at 25@35c per bushel box and at $1.40 per barrel; orders higher.

BEETS—Home-grown, $1@1.25 per barrel and 25@35c per bushel loose; orders higher.

TURNIPS—Home-grown, 15@25c per bu and 50@75c per barrel.

PARSNIPS—Home-grown washed at 25@35c per bushel box and at $1.25 per barrel.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS—15@20c per quart.

SQUASH—Home-grown summer or hubbard at 50@60c per 100 pounds; orders higher.

EGGPLANT—Florida at $2@2.25 per 1½-bushel crate; New Orleans, 50@60c per dozen.

CUCUMBERS—Eastern hothouse at $1.50@1.75.

GUMBO—New Orleans at $1.25 per bu box.

HORSERADISH—Home-grown at $2.50@3 per bu loose; on orders, dealers charge $3 to $3.50 per bbl.

RUTABAGAS—At 27c per bu delivered in bulk; orders charged $1@1.25 per barrel.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER—Firm. Creamery—Extra, 28c; firsts 25@26c; seconds, 23@24c. Ladle packed—Extra, 18@20c; firsts, 18@20c. Dairy—Extra, 21@22c; firsts, 20@22c. Country—Poor to fair, 10@15c; renovated, 18@19c; grease, 4c.

CHEESE—Northern, on orders: Twins, 13½c; singles, 13c; daisies, 13¼c; Young America, 13¾c; long horns, 14c; limburger, 11½@12c. Swiss—New, 13@14c; choice old, 16@17c; brick, 12@12½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys steady and firm. Chickens in excessive supply and dull. Ducks steady. Geese in good demand. Turkeys—Average receipts, 11c; toms, 10c. Chickens—Mixed hens and young, 9c; old roosters, 5c. Ducks 12c. Geese 9c. Live pigeons and squabs, per doz., 75.

DRESSED ICED POULTRY—Scalded and undrawn, with head and legs on: Old chickens, 10c; roosters, 6c. Turkeys, 12@12½c. Ducks, 13c.

VEALS—Choice small fat (110 to 125 lbs), 5½c per lb; heavy, 5c; heretics, 4@4½c per lb. Sheep—3@3½c per lb; thin ewes and bucks, 2@2½c. Lambs, 4@5c.

ROASTING PIGS—In demand at $1.50@2 per head.

GAME—Weather favorable, condition of receipts good and demand active. Selected sweet: Quail—Dry undrawn, per dozen $2.50; wet undrawn, $2.25; drawn, $2. Prairie chickens, per doz. $10. Pheasants, per doz. $10. Wild turkeys, per lb. 12c. Ducks, undrawn, per dos—Mallards, $3.25; blue-wing teal, $2.50; green wing teal, $2.25; mixed, $1.50; canvasback, $5; redheads, $4; drawn ducks, 25@50c per doz less. Woodcock, $7; jacksnipe, $1.50; plover, $1.75. Deer carcasses, per lb, 10@11c. Venison saddles, per lb 20@22c. Rabbits, choice, per doz, $1; small and rejected, not quotable; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.75. Squirrel, per dozen, 75c. 'Possum, each, 5c to 25c.

FRESH FISH—Per lb: Black bass, 12½c; crappie, 4c for small to 7c for large; dressed cat, 10c; spoonbill cat, 7c; bullheads—dressed at 8½c and gross at 4½c; buffalo—gross at 3@3½c, dressed at 5½c for large and 4@5c for small; German carp—dressed at 5c; small at 4c, gross at 3c; sunfish at 3c; white perch at 3c.

DRIED FRUITS—Evaporated rings apples range from 4½c for good to 5c for choice—fancy more and damaged, etc., less; evaporated quarters at 4½c to 5¼c; bleached chops at 1½@1¾c; do waste at 1@1¼c; sun-dried quarters, 4½@5c—fancy at 5¼c. Sun-dried peaches at 2¼c to 2½c.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

WALNUTS—At 40c per bu.

PECANS—Offerings very light. The principal dealers being well supplied for the holiday trade, while the smaller buyers take only enough for present wants. A carload of Texas was sold to arrive at 5c delivered, 75 sacks Indian Territory at 5½c spot, 14 sacks Texas at 5¼c and small lots western at 5c to 5¼c. Texas at 5¼@5½c—extra large more.

HICKORY NUTS—At $1 per bu for large and $1.50@1.75 for small.

LINSEED OIL—Quotable at 45c per gal for raw and 46c for boiled; 1c less per gal in car lots.

PEANUTS—Farmers' stock, per lb (dirt out)—Red, 1½@2c; white, 2¼@2¾c.

POPCORN—Latest sales on cob of white at $1@$1.10 per 100 lbs.

CHESTNUTS—New West Virginia, 6c per lb; Italian at 9@10c per lb.

CASTOR OIL—In lots of 200 gals or over at 10½c per lb for No. 1 and 10c for No. 3 in bbls; smaller quantities 1c per lb more.

COTTONSEED OIL—Winter white, 45c; yellow, 44c; summer white, 40c; yellow, 39c; salad, 44c; cooking, 42c.

BONES—Choice bleached at $15 per ton; other kinds from $10 to $14.

RAGS, ETC.—Per 100 lbs.: Country rags at 50c; old rope—No. 1 manila, $1.50; No. 2, 50c; rubber, $5.50 for old boots and shoes.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.: Wrought iron, 72½c; heavy cast, malleable steel and breakage, 57½c; stove, 45c; burnt, 25c; light brass, $6; heavy brass, $9; copper, $9; zinc, $2.50, lead, $3.50; pewter, $12.50.

STOCK PEAS—Sales: 1 car whippoorwill at $1.25 per bu; small lot brown-eye at $1.15 per bu; black-eye at $1.80@1.90 per bu.

SUNFLOWER SEED—Selling on basis of $1.10 to $1.15 per 100 pounds.

CASTOR BEANS—Prime in carlots nominal at $1.35 per bushel; smaller lots 5c to 10c per bushel less.

CIDER—At from $3.50 per bbl for poor to $6@6.50 for choice; eastern at $1.50.

HOPS—New—New York, 35@38c; western at 30@33c; Bavarian, 45@47c.

HONEY—Comb, dark at 12@14c; bright amber, 14@15c; fancy white clover, 16@17c; choice Colorado, $3.75 per case; extracted and strained, southern, in bbls, 5@5¼c; in cans at 6½@7c.

BEANS AND PEAS—From store: White beans at $2.35@2.40 for hand-picked peas and $2.25@2.30 for machine-picked. Dried green peas—Scotch at $1.75; split peas at $2.15 per bu and $7 per bbl; blackeye at $2; California pink (per lb) at 3¾c; New York kidney, 6c; Lima beans at 5¼c; lentils, 4½c. White beans in car lots dull—choice hand-picked pea offered on East track at $2.25.

GRASS SEEDS—Prices unchanged—steady on the better grades of all varieties for seed. Per 100 lbs: Timothy at $2.90 for fair to $3.25 for good—clean bright, $3.50; clover at $7.50 to $10; redtop at $1.25 to $3.50 for seed in chaff and $4.50@6 for fancy; millet at 60c to $1.25; Hungarian, 75c@$1.

WOOLS, HIDES, FURS, ETC.

FURS—The movement is active, rapidly increasing, and quite large for so early in the season—promising to exceed even last season's exceptionally large business. The receipts are improving steadily in quality, while the demand is brisk, mainly on speculative account. St. Louis is conceded the largest and most important primary fur market in the West, if not in the country—being independent of all others, and the leading collective and distributive market. Prices are established here for the trading at nearly all points in the West; and whatever advantages are to be gained in selling furs are realised by shippers to this market or those selling goods here. Exporters make this their headquarters; besides, manufacturers throughout the country come here to buy their raw material; and, by the way, it is believed that there are more furs sold for home manufacturing account now than there are for export. Consequently there is always competition here for the offerings.

Raccoon—No. 1 large, $1.10; No. 1 medium, [illegible] small and No. 2, 45c; No. 3, [illegible]; No. 4, [illegible]. Mink—No. 1 large, $1.70; No. 1 medium, $1.15; [illegible] small and No. 2, 70c; No. 3, 35c; No. 4, 10c. Skunk—Prime, as to size—Black, [illegible] [illegible]

50c; territory, 60@90c; blue or unprime, 15@30c; wild cat, 15@20c; civet cat, 10@15c; badger, 5@25c; house cat, 10c; muskrat, 10@15c; bear, $1@12; beaver, $1@7. Opossum—No. 1 large, 40c; No. 1 medium, 30c; No. 1 small, 15c; No. 2, 10c—trashy worthless. Red fox—No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 2, $1; No. 3, 50c; No. 4, 15@25c. Gray fox—No. 1 large, 80c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 2, 40c; No. 3, 20c; No. 4, 10c—open 10@20 per cent less. Otter—No. 1 large, $10; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 2, $5.50; No. 3, $3; No. 4, $1.50. Wolf—Prairie, 30c@$1; timber, 50c@1.50. Extreme southern skins 15 per cent less and northern 15@25 per cent more.

WOOL—Values slightly higher, in sympathy with improving markets in the East and abroad. Manufacturers do not take hold eagerly at the advanced prices as yet, however, the movement being only speculative. The statistical situation warrants the present prices, and may result in further advances. The possible obstacles are tight money East, foreign declines or Venezuelan complications. Missouri and Illinois—Medium combing and cloth mixed, 20@20½c; clothing, 19@19½c; low and braid, 17½@18c; burry and clear mixed, 17@17½c; burry, 15@15½c; hard burry, 11@12c; light fine, 18@19c; heavy fine, 13@15c; lamb, light, 17½@18c; lamb, heavy and coarse, 15@16c. Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota—Bright medium, 18@19c; dark, 16@17c; light fine, 16@17c; heavy fine, 11@13c. Angora goat hair—Clear, 20@21c; burry, 10@13c. Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota and Western—Bright medium, 17½@18½c; dark, 16@17c; light fine, 16@17c; heavy and burry, 11@13c. Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma—Medium, 18@18½c; fall or lamb, 17½@18c; coarse and low, 15@16c; light fine, 16@17½c; heavy sandy, 11@13c. Arkansas and Southern—Medium (fleeces), 19@19½c; medium (loose), 17½@18c; burry, 13@15c; hard burry, 10@10½c. Tubwashed—No. 1, 28½@29c; No. 2, 23@24c; burry, 16@19c.

FETHERS—Prime white live geese, in small sacks, 48c, and in large sacks, 46c; prime, gray 50, 35c in small and 33c in large sacks; old white, 38@40c; x, 28@34c; xx, 18@24c; xxx, 10@14c; xxxx, 5c; tare, 10 per cent on small sacks and 3 per cent on large. Chickens, 3c. Ducks—White, 35c; dark, 25c.

DEER SKINS, ETC.—Per pound: Prime deer skins, 28c; black-tail, 25c; southeast Texas, 22c; antelope, 15c; goat, 50c each—damaged out.

ROOTS—Per pound: Ginseng at $3.25 to $3.75; lady slipper, 8c; seneca, 48@50c; pink, 14c; golden seal, 46c; bllack, 4c; May apple, 2½c; snake, 38@39c—white snake worth 2½c; angelica, 5@6c; wahoo—bark of root, 8c, bark of tree, 2½c; blood, 3½c; blueflag, 3c; sassafras bark of root, 5c; wild ginger, 5c.

BEESWAX—28½c per pound for prime.

SHEEP PELTS—Full-wool pelts, 75c to $1; shearlings, 10c to 25c. Lambs nominal. Dry, fallen, etc., 8@10c per pound.

MOSS—Per pound: Gray mixed, 1½@1¾c; gray brown and black mixed, 1¾@2c; brown and black mixed, 2@2¼c. Machine-picked—x, 3@3½c; xx, 3½@4c; xxx, 4¼@5c; xxxx, 5@5¼c; extra black, 6c. Inferior less. Market dull.

HIDES—Unchanged. Selling readily at quotations. Demand best for heavy dry. Dry flint, 13¼@14c; native and Arkansas, 13¾c; No. 1 native, 14½c; No. 2 native, 13c; light and southern, 12c; bull, 10c; culls or glue, 7c; horse, each, 75c. Dry salted—Round, heavy, 12½c; round, light, 10½c; No. 1, 12½c; No. 2, 10½c. Green salted—Round, 8c; selected, No. 1, 8¼c; selected No. 2, 7¼c; bulls, 1c per pound less than cow hides; part cured ½c per pound less than cured; uncured 1c per pound less than cured; culls, 4c; horse, No. 1, $2.75; horse, No. 2, $1.25; uncured less.

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

National Stockyards.

CATTLE—Receipts, 4000. The run of cattle this morning was good, but the market in a general way was slow and unsatisfactory. A weak and bearish feeling characterized the opening hours, and the prospects were considered as bright for another let-down in prices, particularly as Chicago was again quoted lower. The early market was slow and the movement of small proportions, only a few sales being made.

SALES.

	Av.	Price.
8 Texas steers	737	$3 30
23 Texas steers	784	3 00
2 Texas cows and heifers	5.8	2 70
37 native steers	1162	4 65
3 native cows	802	3 00
16 Texas cows	614	2 30
2 Texas oxen	1210	3 10
3 Texas cows	582	2 00

HOGS—Receipts, 3500. According to the views of shippers and sellers the market this morning during the opening hours was in a "rotten" condition. The run was not heavy, but Chicago was again lower and a weak and bearish feeling was shown from the outset. The early movement was slow and light and sales were on a basis of from 10c to 15c decline, while packers in a number of instances were said to be bidding fully 20c lower. The basis for sales early was from $6 to $6.35 for good to best butchers and heavies, $5.90 to $6.15 for medium weights and packers, lights $5.85 to $6 and pigs $5.30 to $5.70.

SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
114	207	$6 07½	65	220	$6 12½
97	192	6 05	67	208	6 10
63	237	6 05	71	210	6 10
14	127	5 85	41	156	5 85
70	190	6 00	5	168	6 00
19	241	6 10	19	250	6 15
31	251	6 10	11	260	6 10

SHEEP—Receipts, 2000. The run was light and the market in a general way steady for good grades.

SALES.

	Av.	Price.
12 stockers	68	$3 00
28 lambs	87	5 40
37 lambs	76	4 50
15 sheep	94	3 85
14 lambs	65	5 50
87 sheep	105	4 00
4 sheep	125	4 25

LIVESTOCK BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 4500; very dull; good to prime steers, $5.50@6.60; poor to medium, $2@5.50; stockers and feeders, $2@4.50; cows, $1.15@4.50; heifers, $2@5; canners, $1.25@2.50; bulls, $2@4.50; calves, $2@7; Texas fed steers, $2.50@4.75; western steers, $4@5.20. Hogs—Receipts today, 3500; tomorrow, 18,000; left over, 2714; 10c lower; mixed and butchers, $5.75@6.10; good to choice heavy, $6.20@6.35; rough heavy, $5.80@6.10; light, $5.50@5.6; bulk of sales, $5.90@6.10. Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; sheep slow; lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $3.75@4.50; fair to choice mixed, $2.75@3.60; western sheep, $3.75@4.40; native lambs, $4@5.50; western lambs, $4.25@5.50. Official yesterday: Receipts—Cattle, 17,335; hogs, 43,279; sheep, 34,184. Shipments—Cattle, 4855; hogs, 2678; sheep, 3000.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; 500 Texans; market steady to 10c lower; native steers, $3@6.50; Texas and Indian steers, $3@4.25; Texas cows, $2@2.75; native cows and heifers, $1.75@4.25; stockers and feeders, $1.75@4.05; bulls, $2@3.25; calves, $2.50@6.25; western steers, $3@5.25; western cows, $2@3. Hogs—Receipts, 5000; market slow to 5@10c lower; bulk of sales, $5.95@6.05; heavy, $6@6.10; packers, $5.90@6.05; medium, $6@6.07½; light, $5.90@6; Yorkers, $5.95@6; pigs, $5.50@5.85. Sheep—Receipts, 7000; market weak; muttons, $3@4; lambs, $3.50@5.55; range wethers, $3@3.45; ewes, $3@4.10.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500; market dull; 10c lower; native steers, $3.25@6; cows and heifers, $2.90@4.10; western steers, $3.25@4.50; Texas steers, $3@4.25; range cows and heifers, $2.50@3.60; canners, $1.25@2.30; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.25; calves, $3.50@6; bulls, stags, etc., $1.75@3.75. Hogs—Receipts, 9000; market 10c lower; heavy, $5.97½@6.05; mixed, $5.97½@6; light, $5.90@6; pigs, $5@5.90; bulk of sales, $5.95@6.02½. Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market steady; yearlings, $3.75@4.25; wethers, $3.25@3.60; ewes, $2.75@4.25; common and stockers, $2@3.40; lambs, $4.50@5.50.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market steady on dressed beef steers; cows and heifers steady to 10c lower; fair to good dressed beef steers, $4.10@5.15; stockers and feeders, $3.25@3.95; western steers, $3.15@3.50; cows, $2.75@3.75; heifers, $2.50@4; canners, $1.75@2.25; bulls, $2.50@3.50; calves, $3.50@6.25. Hogs—Receipts, 4500; market 10@15c lower than yesterday's opening; top, $6.12½; bulk of sales, $5.95@6.05; heavy, $6.05@6.12½; mixed packers, $6.02½@6.10; lights, $5.90@6.05; the pig market steady. Sheep—Receipts, 1000; market steady on lambs, 15c lower on sheep; native lambs, $3.75@5.50; western lambs, $4.25@5.25; native ewes, $3.50@4; western ewes, $3@3.50; native wethers, $3.85@4; western wethers, $3.50@3.75; western yearlings, $4@4.35.

Union Stockyards.

HOGS—Market opened 10c lower; closed active at decline; receipts light.

SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
50	213	$6 20	87	217	$6 27½
17	308	6 25	28	249	6 25
67	221	6 25	73	219	6 25
41	207	6 20	25	211	6 20
78	208	6 15			

CATTLE—Market steady.

SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.
1 thin cow	1020	$2 30
1 thin cow	1000	2 30
1 cow	900	2 30
3 bulls	1006	2 90
1 calf	40	5 00
3 calves	166	5 00
3 native cows and calves, each		34 00
2 heretic calves	215	2 50
1 heretic calf	240	4 00
5 cows	693	2 30

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—The sensational drop yesterday in Consolidated Lake Superior stocks on the local exchange continued this morning. The common stock, which closed at 9¾ yesterday, after a decline of 10⅝ points during the day, opened at 6 this morning and then steadied at ¼ above that point. In the first half hour of trading there was no sale of the preferred stock, although it was offered at 45 against a closing price of 50 yesterday. Consolidated Lake Superior common sold as high as 36 in April of this year and the preferred above 75.

Consolidated Lake Superior preferred opened at 45 and quickly dropped to [illegible] [illegible]

MRS. ABERNATHY IS CONSCIOUS NOW

Mrs. James Abernathy, the sleeping woman of 4313 North Market street, has awakened after more than six days of slumber.

Last night she was practically awake for several hours, though she was unable to talk correctly.

She recognizes her friends and relatives and answers questions in monosyllables.

Mrs. Abernathy awakens now at intervals.

CITY NEWS.

In the Popular Clothing Department of the CRAWFORD STORE we notice they are giving away the device which makes the vanishing handkerchief trick now being daily shown in one of their Washington Avenue Windows by the Japanese Young Lady, and which causes so much wonder and astonishment. One of the devices goes with every Boy's or Man's Suit or Overcoat!!

CROWN PRINCE WROTE VERSES

Siam's Future King Dedicated Love Poem to Mabelle Gilman, an Actress, Who Published It.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The manager of Mabelle Gilman, star in the production of "The Mocking Bird," has given out what purports to be love correspondence between the actress and the crown prince of Siam, which passed while she was in London with the "Belle of New York" company.

In it the future King calls the actress "Sparkling Eyes" and dedicates the following verses to her:

TO MABELLE.

Though duty stern doth strangers make
Of souls kindred as we,
Forget thou not for past days' sake
That I once lived for thee!

Now duty clear dictates "sever!"
Yes, sweetest, we must part.
Yet memories could be never
Erased from this heart.

Could I forget while I live
Beauty so rich as thine?
For thy dark eyes much would I give
My rosebud fair, divine!

Ah, would I go, were it not such
As Lovelace sang o' yore?
"I could not love thee, dear, so much
Loved I not honor more."

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No. 48—Baby Spoon, curved handle, with nursery rhymes, hand-engraved in bowl, size 3-inch..... $1.50
No. 44—Toilet Set, good hair brush and comb, gilded back, the two pieces in a box, size 9-inch, each..... $2.50
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No. 42—Child's Set Rogers' A1 quality silver-plated; consists of knife, fork and spoon in lined box, each..... 75c
Pistes—Child's sets, 25c to..... $2.00
Solid Silver Child's Sets, $3.50 to..... $6.00
No. 46—Scuvenir Spoon, with the holly handle (fancy), solid silver, with gold bowl, size 4¼-inch, each..... 75c
Solid Silver Souvenir Spoons, each, 50c to..... $3.50
A very complete line.
No. 43—Napkin Rug, solid silver, hand-engraved, gold-lined, size 1⅝-in., each. $1.00
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Tax bills for 1902 will have to be paid on or before the 31st inst. The heavy penalties provided by law on delinquent taxes will be enforced after Jan. 1, 1903. Payment now will save time and inconvenience to taxpayers.

L. F. HAMMER, JR.,
COLLECTOR OF THE REVENUE.

St. Louis, Dec. 9, 1902.

MONEY AWAITS MISSING WOMAN

Mrs. Wilcox's Absence From Paris, Mo., a Mystery.

LAWYER IS SEEKING HER

SHE WON $30,000 IN NOTED SUIT TWENTY-THREE YEARS AGO.

When She Vanished From Her Home Election Night, 1900, She Took $1850 With Her, It Is Said.

Attorney Claud D. Hall of St. Louis has inserted advertisements in St. Louis and Paris (Mo.) newspapers requesting information concerning the whereabouts of Mrs. Annie E. Wilcox, until recently of Paris, Mo.

Mr. Hall says his reason in trying to find her is that he thinks he can secure some money for her. As to why he happens to think so Mr. Hall is mysteriously silent.

The attorney says that he has heard from Mrs. Wilcox's daughter, and that he expects to soon hear from the mother.

Dispatches to the Post-Dispatch from Paris state that Mrs. Wilcox vanished from her home there on election night in November, 1900, and has not been heard from by the residents of the place.

These dispatches say that Mrs. Wilcox was unbalanced mentally at the time, and announced as she departed that she was going to New York to marry a millionaire. She took with her, the dispatches say, all the money she had—$1850.

Interest in the strange silence that has since attended Mrs. Wilcox's movements is heightened in Paris by that fact that the $1850 is the residue of a fortune that Mrs. Wilcox secured in one of the most noted legal battles in the history of Monroe County, and in one of the most noted will cases in the annals of central Missouri.

Mrs. Wilcox went to Paris from Virginia over 40 years ago. She is now about 65 years of age, that is, if she is still alive.

Uncle a Large Land Owner.

She was an orphan, and went to Paris to make her home with an uncle, Peter Williams. Williams was a lawyer and large land owner.

Williams had no family, and he entered into a contract with the girl, so the courts subsequently decided, that he would give her $1000 a year with interest at 10 per cent, the total compounded annually, if she would remain single and take care of him until his death.

He stipulated that none of it should be paid until after his death.

For 20 years or so the niece nursed her feeble old uncle. He died in 1879. His will did not mention her. But she produced a written contract bearing these stipulations and filed it as her claim in the Probate Court.

With interest compounded annually her claim amounted to something like $60,000. The Probate Court disallowed the claim. Then she filed suit for the amount in the Circuit Court.

A noted legal battle followed. John H. Overall of St. Louis was counsel for the estate, and United States Senator Vest and Judge Priest of St. Louis for the claimant.

Charged That Contract Was a Forgery.

Judge Overall argued that the contract offered by Williams' niece was a forgery, and that it was evidenced by the fact that Williams' name as signed thereto contained only one "l" whereas he was a careful man, and invariably spelled it with two.

Some of the jury saw it that way, but others concluded that the niece deserved the money, and they were unable to agree.

A change of venue was taken after this mistrial, and at the suit was sent to Mexico. In the Audrain County Court Judge Overall was unable to appear during an important part of the trial, because of illness, and a decision was rendered sustaining the contract.

It appears that the attorneys for the estate decided not to appeal, but, instead, affected a compromise for something like $30,000.

After securing the money the niece married Eugene Williams of Vernon County. She was then 45 years of age. They were subsequently divorced. Mrs. Wilcox resided in Paris since and spent money freely up to the election night in November, 1900, when she vanished.

JUDGE JOHN W. HENRY DEAD

Former Chief Justice of Missouri Supreme Court Passed Away After a Long Illness.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Judge John W. Henry died at his home in this city today after a long illness.

He had been very low for several days and on two or three different occasions the family was summoned to his bedside.

Judge Henry would have been 78 years old next month. He formerly was chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, and at the time of his death was judge of Division No. 2 of the Circuit Court at Kansas City. He was one of the most widely known jurists in the West.

YOUNG ORTHWEIN FINED $100.

He and Other Yale Men Paid Judgment Promptly.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—Bradford Ellsworth of New York, William R. Orthwein of St. Louis, William Barnum of Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Harold P. Sawyer of Bridgeport, Conn., and John A. Moorhead of Pittsburg, all Yale students, were arraigned in the City Court today on the charge of breach of the peace, preferred by Sidney Treeder, a ticket speculator. The alleged assault occurred on the night of November 20, when a crowd of students on the Yale campus took from Treeder his tickets for the Yale-Harvard football game. A nolle was entered in the case against Moorhead. Ellsworth was fined $200 and Barnum, Sawyer and Orthwein were fined $100 each, after counsel for the men had handed in pleas of nolo contendre. The fines were immediately paid.

COL. MOSBY TRANSFERRED.

War on Cattle Kings Has Not Promoted His Interests.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12.—Col. John S. Mosby's uncompromising war on the cattle king's and government land appropriators is apparently not approved by his superiors. Anyway, the colonel is to be called off and transferred to California. The announcement of the transfer gives no reason for it.

CLEVELAND'S PLEA FOR NEGRO.

Must Be Taught Something Besides Menial Service.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—President Cleveland presided last night at a public meeting for the benefit of the Berian Manual Training School for Negroes. In the course of his address he said:

"No one who has given the subject deliberate thought can doubt that, if we are to be just and fair towards our colored fellow-citizens, and if they are to be more completely made self-respecting, useful and safe members of our body politic, they must be taught to do something more than to hew wood and draw water. The way must be opened for them to engage in something better than menial service, and their interests must be aroused to rewards of intelligent occupation and careful thrift.

"I believe that the exigency can only be adequately met through the instrumentality of well-equipped manual training and industrial schools, conducted either independently or in connection with ordinary educational institutions. I am convinced that good citizenship, an orderly, contended life and a proper conception of civic virtue and obligation is almost certain to grow out of a fair chance to learn an honest, hopeful livelihood and a satisfied sense of secure protection and considerate treatment."

SUFFERING CREW RESCUED.

Forced to Abandon Ship and Take to Open Boat.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 12.—Capt. R. H. Somerville and crew of six men of the schooner Belle Wooster were brought here today by the schooner Patriot, which picked them up early this morning. The Wooster was caught in a blizzard yesterday and disabled. The crew abandoned her and for hours drifted about in an open boat. When rescued they were all badly frostbitten and exhausted by their sufferings.

Medical Academy Officers.—The Academy of Medical and Surgical Sciences at a meeting held Wednesday night at the Central Y. M. C. A. building elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. John C. Murphy; first vice-president, Dr. G. M. Phillip; second vice-president, Dr. Floyd; treasurer, Dr. G. H. Thompson; secretary, Dr. Emory Lanphear.

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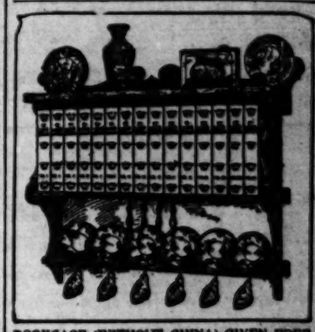
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